



Sec. of Treasury Tim Geithner, left, partially blocked by his Secret Service agent, walks down the West Wing Colonnade of the White House towards the Oval Office to meet with President Barack Obama, Friday, Aug. 5, 2011 in Washington. Obama met with Geithner prior to his departure for the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md. Credit rating agency Standard & Poor's on Friday, Aug. 5, 2011 lowered the nation's AAA rating for the first time since granting it in 1917.

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## Geithner will stay for now

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**WASHINGTON** – The Treasury secretary, Timothy F. Geithner, has told President Barack Obama that he will remain in his position for the time being, the department announced Sunday, ending speculation that he might step down soon.

"Secretary Geithner has let the president know that he plans to stay on in his position at Treasury," Jenni R. LeCompte, a Treasury spokeswoman, said in a written statement. "He looks forward to the important work ahead on the challenges facing our great country."

Geithner, 49, said a month ago that he would decide on his future after the administration and Congress reached a deal to increase the nation's debt limit, raising the possibility that he would step down.

Obama signed the debt ceiling legislation into law last Tuesday. □



A US Marine tries to take cover, perched on a container, trying to shelter from the dust as a Chinook helicopter arrives to pick up supplies at Forward Operating Base Edi in the Helmand Province of southern Afghanistan, in this photo. 31 U.S. Special Forces and seven Afghan soldiers were killed when a helicopter, similar to the one shown crashed in eastern Wardak province Saturday Aug. 6, 2011.

(AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus, File)

**THOM SHANKER**

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**WASHINGTON** – They came from the same town, Shreveport, La. They were high school friends. Both men, Robert James Reeves and Jonas Kelsall, had overcome extreme tests and rigorous training to serve on the same elite SEAL team. Both were assigned the same mission, and put in the same helicopter, only to perish together on Saturday.

The helicopter crash in Afghanistan that killed 30 U.S. servicemen, including 22 members of the Navy's most elite counterterrorism unit, brought the pain of a double loss to a Louisiana river port this weekend.

Chief Petty Officer Reeves, who had turned 32 just days ago, was accepted for naval special warfare training in 1999.

He passed the harsh winnowing process to qualify for SEAL Team 6, the counterterrorism unit that conducted the raid into Pakistan on May 2 that killed Osama bin Laden.

"He was always very gre-

garious – a star soccer and lacrosse player in high school," said his father, James W. Reeves. "It had never been obvious to me that he was going to choose a military career. It is very difficult to make it on these SEAL teams. But that was where he knew he

needed to be."

Over the course of his career, Robert Reeves had been deployed to the war zone more than a dozen times in the 10 years since the Sept. 11 attacks, earning four Bronze Stars for bravery and meritorious service, each with a "V de-

vice" for valor.

Since their freshman year of high school, Reeves had been best friends with Kelsall, who also enlisted in the Navy, tried out for the SEALs and passed the trials to join Team 6.

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## Official woes

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**FRANKFURT, Germany** –

Policymakers around the world were searching on Sunday for a way to respond to market tensions that seemed to be growing too powerful for any one economic superpower to handle alone.

As the shock of Friday's downgrade of U.S. debt reverberated dangerously with anxiety about European liabilities, central bankers and national leaders were under pressure to try to do something to restore confidence before Asian markets opened, and to prevent an extension of the rout that began last week.



Tourists drive past Standard & Poor's headquarters in New York's financial district Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011. After the first-ever downgrade of the U.S. government's AAA credit rating by Standard & Poor's on Friday, top officials at the company on Saturday defended their position after the Obama administration called the move a hasty decision based on faulty math.

(AP Photo/Karly Domb Sadof)

As G-20 leaders conferred by phone, the governing council of the European Central Bank was holding

an emergency conference call late Sunday.

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## Double loss for Shreveport in Afghan crash

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He then chose the route of officer training, and had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander by the time the unit was sent into the rugged Tangi Valley of Wardak Province, just west of Kabul.

An investigation was under way Sunday into the weapon used to shoot down their Chinook transport helicopter in a mountainous area of eastern Afghanistan. All 38 people aboard were killed, including 30 Americans (of whom 22 were Navy SEALs), seven Afghan commandos and an Afghan translator. It was the single largest loss of American life in the Afghan war.

Military investigators spent Sunday in the Tangi valley, where the helicopter was shot down, combing the ground to try to verify the initial assessment that insurgents had used a rocket-propelled grenade to



**This family photo shows Sgt. Patrick Hamburger, 30, of Grand Island, Neb. Hamburger was among 30 Americans killed when a U.S. military helicopter was shot down Friday, Aug. 5, 2011. Military officials have not released the names of those killed, but Hamburger's family confirmed his death.**

(AP Photo/Family Photo)

down the helicopter.

U.S. and Afghan officials said Sunday that the SEALs and Afghan commandos had been called into Wardak Province as a "quick-reaction force" to assist a U.S. ground unit facing stiff resistance from insurgent fighters.

"This unit was engaged in

heavy fire on the ground, and they called for help," said one U.S. official briefed on the mission.

The target of the initial mission, which one official said was being carried out by Army Rangers, was a Taliban leader whose network was responsible for a series of attacks and emplacement of roadside bombs.

The last time Reeves' family had seen him was during a Christmas reunion in Shreveport, and even then he did not talk about the specifics of those missions, in keeping with the highly secretive nature of the Navy SEALs. In triumph and in tragedy, members of the special operations community do not speak of their work. In fact, many had expressed frustration with the jubilant atmosphere after the May 2 raid that killed Osama bin Laden, marked by fist-pumping and chest-pounding from some politicians and a few retired members of the SEALs. □

Amid debt tensions:

## World leaders consider next move on policies

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The central bank was likely to discuss whether to buy Spanish and Italian bonds to prevent borrowing costs for those countries from becoming unsustainable. But with signs of slowing growth in the United States and Europe, and government budgets and central bank balance sheets stretched to the limit, the policy options were dwindling.

Some analysts said that the European Central Bank would itself need help from other central banks and nations because of the scale of the problem.

"They just can't allow the Italian economy to go down the tubes. It would be a Lehman-type situation,"

Uri Dadush, a senior asso-

ciate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said on Sunday. He was referring to the collapse of the investment bank Lehman Brothers in 2008, which touched off the global financial crisis.

Dadush put the cost of a bailout of Italy at \$1.4 trillion, with Spain requiring another \$700 billion.

Those amounts would be a challenge for even the most solvent European countries, foremost among them Germany.

Finance ministers of the G-7 and G-20 nations were conferring on Sunday, Reuters reported, but it was not clear whether there was enough support for a substantial coordinated intervention in the markets – or even whether that would be a good idea. □



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# Obama team now focuses on tough re-election campaign

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**WASHINGTON** — After a month tied down in Washington by the bruising budget fight, President Barack Obama breaks out to four battleground states this week and next, including a campaign-style bus tour in the Upper Midwest, stumping with a new urgency as global economic fears darken his re-election prospects.

Fifteen months from Election Day, Obama is gearing up his re-election effort with unemployment stuck above 9 percent, economic growth faltering, financial markets gyrating and faith in Washington depressed by the partisan debt limit fight. Now the creditworthiness of government bonds has been downgraded for the first time ever by one of the ratings agencies — a development laden with symbolic meaning as well as potential practical impact. Obama's approval ratings are below 50 percent

in electoral battlegrounds like Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, according to recent polls there. His party's political infrastructure has been weakened in crucial states where Republicans won statehouses last year, though the White House sees potential benefit in a reaction to the unpopular policies of new Republican governors in states like Florida, Ohio and Wisconsin. Despite an intensive effort by the White House since last November to recapture the political center, Obama continues to struggle to win back the support of moderate and independent voters, polls show. Having won with their help in 2008 in states where Democrats for years had not seriously competed — Indiana, North Carolina, Virginia and some mountain states — Obama will now have to struggle not just to duplicate that feat but also to prevail in traditional swing states like Pennsylvania.

A recent Quinnipiac poll



**President Barack Obama boards Air Force One en route to Chicago, at Andrews Air Force Base on Aug. 3, 2011. Obama headed back to Chicago to raise money for his re-election campaign on Wednesday, with plans to attend two fundraisers pegged to his 50th birthday tomorrow.**

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

there had Obama running two percentage points behind a Republican rival, Mitt Romney, a former Massachusetts governor — essentially a tie, since the difference is within the margin of sampling error.

"You'd have to be anesthetized to be complacent, really, and not only because of economic circumstances," said Geoff Garin, a

longtime Democratic pollster who lately has held focus groups of swing voters for an independent group

working for Obama's re-election. "There are clearly concerning signs in the polling data." "But," Garin added, "there's both a campaign yet to be run for Obama and a real debate to be had about what the way forward ought to look like."

The next two weeks will signal an informal start to the Obama campaign's effort to address all those challenges, as he travels to Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Virginia. There he will begin doing what incumbent presidents of both parties do when facing a tough re-election race: trying to make the contest less a referendum on their record than a choice between two competing options. □

## Police: 8 killed in US, gunman among dead

THOMAS J. SHEERAN  
Associated Press

**COPLEY, Ohio (AP)** — A man apparently angry with his girlfriend gunned down two people outside a home and two more in a car Sunday morning, then chased down another victim in a shooting rampage that left eight dead, including the gunman who was shot by police, authorities and witnesses said.

Two others were wounded. A child was among those shot, witnesses said, though police wouldn't confirm that.

The gunman killed seven people in three places and was shot elsewhere, Copley police Chief Michael Mier said.

A neighbor, Gilbert Elie, was getting ready for church when he heard gunshots. He went outside and found a woman in a driveway who'd been shot and a man shot near a garage, and a woman and girl in a vehicle who were wounded, he told The



**Members of the Summit County Sheriff Department leave the scene of a multiple fatal shooting Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011 in Copley Township, Ohio, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011. A family argument in the Akron suburb ended in the shooting deaths of eight people in two places, including an 11-year-old, and two more people were wounded, authorities said Sunday.**

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Then a woman came out of the house next door and

tried to talk to Elie, he said, but her boyfriend followed and shot her. □

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# Deportation tale with a surprise happy ending

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A Polish woman will step off an airplane in Chicago on Monday afternoon with a legal visa in her hand, coming back to live in the United States four years after her deportation sundered her family, in a rare case of the return of an immigrant who was expelled. The woman, Janina Wasilewski, was deported in 2007 after living for 18 years in the Chicago suburbs. Several applications she had filed to become a legal resident became hopelessly tangled in the immigration courts and were finally denied. She left behind her husband, Tony, also a Polish immigrant, but with his agreement she took their son, Brian, a U.S. citizen, who was 6.

The Wasilewski family became one of the nation's most visible examples of the impact of deportation, just as the pace of removals has accelerated under the Obama administration, to nearly 800,000 over the last two years. Images of the scene when Wasilewski left from O'Hare International Airport in June 2007 were circulated widely, with her husband gripping her and their son and weeping as he begged them not to cry. "I can come back again to my sweet home in Chi-

cago," Wasilewski said by telephone last week from Nowe Miasto Lubawskie, a country town in north central Poland where she has lived with Brian in a small apartment for the last four

45, lost every battle but the last. Her case has cast light on some of the immigration system's cul-de-sacs and severe penalties that lawyers say have stopped hundreds of thousands of

tion, from re-entering the United States for at least 10 years. The immigration authorities finally reversed course in July, granting a waiver that allowed her to return with a legal perma-

public eye. There has been a shift in Washington, with President Barack Obama saying he wants to avoid separating immigrant families and focus on deporting foreigners who have been convicted of crimes. But it was Tony Wasilewski, with his unyielding determination to provide his wife and child with a life in the United States, who ultimately won her return. In 2007, even after the country had expelled his wife, in one of the bleakest periods of his solitary wait, he decided to naturalize and become a U.S. citizen. "It was very hard to choose between my family and the United States," Tony Wasilewski said by telephone from his home in Schiller Park, Ill. After traveling back to Poland to visit his wife and son, he said, "I choose America." He said he also wanted to erase the stain of deportation on his family. "I did it for three reasons for my wife," he said, using a grand phrase that has been his mantra:

"Honor, dignity and justice." Tony and Janina Wasilewski came here separately from Poland in 1989, both entering legally. Tony Wasilewski eventually obtained a green card and then his citizenship. Janina Wasilewski took a different course, applying for political asylum based on her anti-Communist activism in her home country. □



**Tony Wasilewski with a portrait of his son, Brian, at his home near Chicago in Schiller Park, Ill., Aug. 4, 2011. Wasilewski's wife, Janina, and their 10-year-old son, Brian, are to return home to Chicago on Monday, four years after U.S. immigration officials deported her to Poland.**

(Sally Ryan/The New York Times)

years. Still disbelieving, she said she would not allow herself any joy until she and her son were on the airplane approaching Chicago. Her homecoming will culminate a 22-year legal fight in which Wasilewski, now

immigrants who lack legal status – otherwise law-abiding parents or spouses of U.S. citizens – from finding a way to get right with the law. Under a 1996 statute, Wasilewski had been barred, after her deporta-

ment resident's green card. Wasilewski had the help of a tenacious lawyer, Royal F. Berg, and several lawmakers, especially Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez, D-Ill. The documentary filmmaker Ruth Leitman was appalled by the family's separation and made a film about it. Immigrant advocate groups in Illinois kept the case in the

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# Perry leads prayer rally at stadium for 'nation in crisis'

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**HOUSTON** — Standing on a stage surrounded by thousands of fellow Christians on Saturday morning, Gov. Rick Perry of Texas called on Jesus to bless and guide the nation's military and political leaders and "those who cannot see the light in the midst of all the darkness."

"Lord, you are the source of every good thing," Perry said, as he bowed his head, closed his eyes and leaned into a microphone at Reliant Stadium here.

"You are our only hope, and we stand before you today in awe of your power and in gratitude for your blessings and humility for our sins. Father, our heart breaks for America. We see discord at home. We see fear in the marketplace.

We see anger in the halls of government, and as a nation we have forgotten who made us, who protects us, who blesses us, and for that we cry out for your forgiveness."

In a 13-minute address, Perry read several passages from the Bible during a prayer rally that he sponsored here.

Thousands of people stood or knelt in the aisles or on the concrete floor in front of the stage, some wiping away tears and some shouting, "Amen!"

The rally was seen as one of the biggest tests of Perry's political career, coming as he nears a decision on whether to seek the Republican nomination for president.

While the event will be sure to help Perry if he tries to establish himself as the reli-

gious right's favored candidate, it also opens him up to criticism for mixing religion and politics in such a grand and overtly Christian fashion.

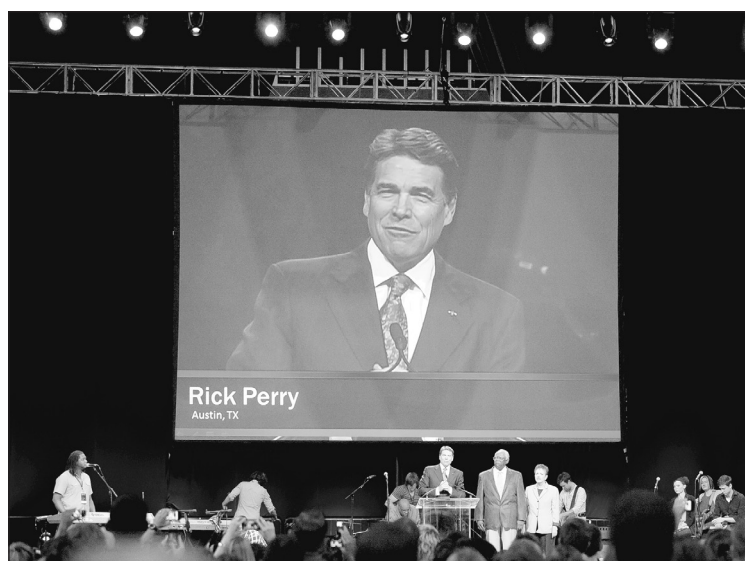
In many ways, the rally was unprecedented, even in Texas, where faith and politics have long intersected without much controversy — the governor, as both a private citizen and an elected leader, delivering a message to the Lord at a Christian prayer rally he created, while using his office's prestige, letterhead, website and other resources to promote it.

Perry said he wanted people of all faiths to attend, but Christianity dominated the service and the religious



**Thousands of participants sing and pray inside Reliant Stadium during "The Response," a Christian-themed prayer service called for by Texas Gov. Rick Perry, in Houston, Aug. 6, 2011. The all day event of prayer and fasting is shaping up to be one of the biggest tests of Perry's political career, coming on the cusp of his decision about whether to seek the Republican nomination for president.**

(Michael Stravato/The New York Times)



**Tex Gov. Rick Perry speaks at his Christian-themed prayer service called "The Response," at Reliant Stadium in Houston, Aug. 6, 2011. The all day event of prayer and fasting is shaping up to be one of the biggest tests of Perry's political career, coming on the cusp of his decision about whether to seek the Republican nomination for president.**

(Michael Stravato/The New York Times)

affiliations of the crowd. The prayers were given in Jesus Christ's name, and the many musical performers sang of Christian themes of repentance and salvation. Perry, a lifelong Methodist

who regularly attends an evangelical megachurch near his home in West Austin, has been speaking and preaching in sanctuaries throughout Texas since he was state agricultural commissioner in the 1990s. Orga-

nizers for the event, called The Response: A Call to Prayer for a Nation in Crisis, estimated that more than 30,000 people were at Reliant Stadium when Perry spoke.

The seating capacity is 71,500, and tens of thousands of seats in the upper decks were empty.

"I wish you could see what I see here," announced Luis Cataldo, a leader of the International House of Prayer, a Christian ministry in Kansas City, Mo., as the event began at 10 a.m. "This is the body of Christ." While those on the stage avoided making overt political statements or expressions of political support for Perry, many in the audience made it clear in interviews that they would vote for the governor should he enter the presidential race. Liz Lara, 62, who lives in La Vernia, Texas, drove about 200 miles to Houston with

her daughter and two grandchildren to attend the rally. She said the family came to support Perry and pray for God's help in solving the nation's problems.

"I believe that God has prepared Rick Perry for such a time as this," she said. "I believe he will be our next president."

At one point, Perry asked those in the audience to pray for the president.

He said: "Father, we pray for our president, that you impart your wisdom upon him, that you would guard his family."

Perry addressed the crowd nine days after a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit filed against him by a national group of atheists arguing that his participation in the rally in his official capacity as governor violated the First Amendment's requirement of separation of church and state.

Members and supporters of that group, the Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation, were among dozens of people protesting outside the stadium, including gay activists who criticized Perry for supporting the American Family Association, which organized and financed the rally.

The association is a conservative evangelical group based in Mississippi that is listed as an anti-gay group by the nonprofit Southern Poverty Law Center.

Perry had invited his fellow governors to join him, but only Gov. Sam Brownback of Kansas, a Republican, attended. Gov. Rick Scott of Florida made a video statement that was played in the stadium. □



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## Republicans jostle for position amid key week in Iowa

JEFF ZELENY

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**TIFFIN, Iowa** — At the outset of a crucial week in the presidential campaign, the Republican candidates are increasingly turning on one another as they try to overcome their own weaknesses and capitalize on the vulnerabilities of President Barack Obama.

A sense of urgency is rising for contenders to make favorable impressions at a debate Thursday, the first time Jon M. Huntsman Jr. will join his rivals on stage. That will be followed by the Iowa Straw Poll on Saturday, a ritual that provides an early test of organizational strength that could accelerate or dampen the aspirations of some candidates.

The full Republican field will descend upon Iowa this week to court voters and present their arguments to party activists, some of whom say they are eager to build the drumbeat of criticism about Obama into a candid discussion of which candidates could best defeat him.

"The opportunity is right there for us," Tim Pawlenty, a former governor of Minnesota, told a Republicans here on Friday. "The main way we're going to goof this up, as Republicans, is to nominate the wrong candidate."

As Pawlenty made his way across Iowa this weekend, he warned Republicans against supporting someone without executive experience. His audiences nodded in agreement. Yet the target of his criticism, Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, drew

booming applause from far larger audiences when she pledged to confront the establishment, declaring, "Behind this dress is a titanium spine!"

And looming over the race is the question of whether Gov. Rick Perry of Texas will join the field this month, as he has signaled to donors, activists and party officials. His entry could deliver a jolt to the race, but it remains an open question how long he could maintain the same level of curiosity and intrigue he now holds.

"Everybody's waiting for some ideal candidate to get in," said Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, who fielded a call from Perry last month. He added, "I told him to come to Iowa now and start campaigning like you campaign for sheriff." As the candidates scramble to test their messages and gain attention, a ma-

J. Huntsman, a former governor of Utah, assailed Romney's leadership on the debt ceiling debate. Rick Santorum, a former senator from Pennsylvania, questioned his convictions on

out a run, suggested that he placed his finger to the wind instead of leading by example.

Romney, who has maintained a disciplined silence, is preparing for rougher

who would be the strongest — or least flawed — Republican nominee.

Here in Tiffin, a handful of Republican candidates delivered speeches and mingled with 300 party activists at a picnic supper Friday. As Pawlenty, Santorum and Newt Gingrich, a former House speaker, worked the room, several people stood out in the crowd. They wore burnt orange shirts printed with white lettering: "Americans for Rick Perry."

It was yet another sign that Perry was inching closer toward entering the race and would not be starting a campaign from scratch. The group, formed by friends who say they are operating independently, is urging people to attend the straw poll and support Perry as a write-in candidate, since his name will not be printed on the ballot.

The political merits of the straw poll are limited, particularly for predicting results of the caucuses next year.

But the results — fair or not, considering only a few thousand people will take part in Ames — are likely to accelerate or extinguish the ambitions of some candidates. Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, who has wide appeal among voters with a libertarian strain, is aggressively pursuing a strong finish at the straw poll. He has been working to expand on the deep support of his core followers and has encouraged them to send the party a message. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, his son, will arrive this week to help. □



**Republican presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.) signs autographs during a campaign stop in Netwon, Iowa, Aug. 5, 2011. At the outset of a crucial week in the presidential campaign, the Republican candidates are increasingly turning on one another as they try to overcome their own weaknesses and capitalize on the vulnerabilities of President Barack Obama.**

(Max Whittaker/The New York Times)



**Former House Speaker and Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich waits for his turn to speak at a Republican dinner in Tiffin, Iowa, Aug. 5, 2011.**

(Max Whittaker/The New York Times)

jority of their arrows have been aimed at Mitt Romney, a former governor of Massachusetts.

conservative social issues. Even the former GOP vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, who has yet to rule

treatment in the debate Thursday than he received in his first one in June. His advisers say he is opening a new campaign phase by making more public appearances after several months of lying low. He is not overtly campaigning for the straw poll, but is waging a stealth campaign in Iowa to keep his options open until the field clarifies.

Republicans sense a fresh opening surrounding Obama, after painful budget talks, sustained high unemployment and lowering the nation's credit rating. ("It happened on your watch, Mr. President," Bachmann said Saturday.) But that is offset for some by a lack of consensus over



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# Former New York Governor Hugh Carey dies at 92

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Hugh L. Carey, the governor who helped rescue New York from the brink of financial collapse in the 1970s and tamed a culture of ever-growing spending, died Sunday at his summer home on Shelter Island. He was 92.

His death was announced by the office of Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo.

"Governor Carey led our state during a time of great financial turmoil and pulled us back from the brink of bankruptcy and economic ruin," Cuomo said in the statement.

As the 51st governor of New York from 1975 through 1982, Carey led a small group of public servants who vanquished the fiscal crisis that threatened New York City and the state – the direst emergency a governor had faced since the Depression – by taking on powers over the city's finances that no governor had wielded before and none has wielded since. A liberal Democrat, Carey reversed the upward spiral of borrowing, spending and entitlement under one of his predecessors, Nelson A. Rockefeller, a Republican who had presided in an era of limitless government promise.

But even after eight years as governor, Carey remained an enigma. The

witty storyteller who could charm an audience alternated with the irascible loner who alienated many of his allies. The brooding, private man, father of more than a dozen children, who mourned the deaths of his wife and, earlier, two sons killed in a car crash, gave way to a man who engaged in an exuberant, very public romance that led to a second marriage. Hugh Carey rose to power as a Democrat outside his party's machine. He began the 1974 campaign for governor as a recently widowed congressman from Brooklyn, a long shot who was not taken seriously, yet he cruised to one of the most resounding victories in the state's history.

Yet he spent his final years as governor frustrated. Absent an emergency, he often seemed bored with the job.

The political strategist David Garth, who was one of Carey's closest associates, once said of him: "Hugh Carey on the petty issues can be very petty. On the big stuff, he is terrific."

Carey's stature grew in his decades out of office, and he was hailed as a hero by Republicans and Democrats. As he acknowledged, his handling of government finances overshadowed all else he did.

On Jan. 1, 1975, Carey declared in his inaugural ad-

dress, "This government will begin today the painful, difficult, imperative process

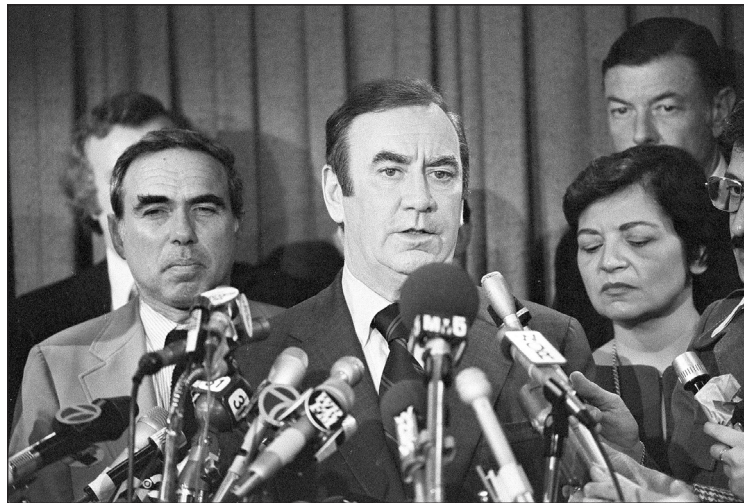
of learning to live within its means."

He immediately faced a

cascade of emergencies, as various state authorities, New York City, Yonkers, several school districts and ultimately the state itself flirted with collapse.

New York City lay at the core of the crisis. Lindsay's successor as mayor, Abraham D. Beame, was taking drastic action, cutting tens of thousands of jobs, but a solution lay beyond the city's grasp. In May 1975, Wall Street firms refused to sell the city's bonds, threatening its ability to pay its bills.

Carey responded with a series of audacious moves to keep the city afloat. He created the Municipal Assistance Corp. to borrow money for the city. □



**New York Gov. Hugh Carey at a press conference in New York, Oct. 18, 1975. Carey, the governor who helped rescue New York from the brink of financial collapse in the 1970s and tamed a culture of ever-growing spending, died Sunday at his summer home in Shelter Island, N.Y. He was 92.**

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# A popular premier, sidelined by his party

MICHAEL WINES

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**BEIJING** – On July 28, China's premier, Wen Jiabao, stood amid funerary wreaths in Wenzhou, near where a high-speed train accident had claimed 40 lives, and pledged an "open and transparent" government inquiry into the disaster. "The key," he said, "is whether the people can get the truth."

The next day, state censors silenced the news media's dogged reporting on railway negligence and corruption, then started censoring posts on the microblogs that had stoked national outrage over the

crash. On Tuesday, the government inquiry itself was accused of being

rigged, run by a panel that included the Railways Ministry's second in command and loyalist experts.

If this seems a galling embarrassment, such indignities are not new. As Wen enters the twilight of a decade as China's third-ranked leader, he appears to be struggling to remain relevant in a political system that covets his benevolent public image but has little use for his ideas. The leading spokesman for what passes for political liberalism in China, Wen is by most accounts ideologically isolated on the Communist Party's nine-member Politburo standing committee. More than once, his views have been rebuffed, tacitly or openly, in party organs. There are tantalizing suggestions in writings, speeches and the gossip mill of rifts with his boss, President Hu Jintao.

"Grandpa Wen," the premier who shares the common man's pain and champions his interests, is easily China's most popular politician. But internally, as Communist Party hard-

liners strengthen their control over the government, his advocacy of political reform has increasingly sapped his influence.

He has become such a high-risk figure, one official news media editor said, that a conservative-led state radio network last year balked at his offer of an exclusive exchange with listeners on the air. That editor, like other journalists and academics inside the system who were interviewed for this article, refused to be named for fear of retaliation. Even liberals who support Wen's reformist oratory find themselves disillusioned by his failure to gain traction within the leadership. "When Wen became premier eight years ago, people had high hopes because his speeches always leave people hopeful," He Weifang, a liberal Beijing legal scholar and a close observer of the Chinese leadership, said in an interview. "But now it has been eight years. His term is coming to an end. It's doubtful whether he genuinely has the strong will to reform, because it doesn't seem

In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, right front, bows toward relatives of victims in a high-speed train crash in Wenzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province. Wen vowed to punish any corrupt person found responsible for the crash that killed at least 39 people and triggered public anger over its handling.

(AP Photo/Xinhua, Huang Jingwen)



he has taken enough convincing actions to resist the conservatives."

Wen has never been seen as especially strong. Some scholars of China's leadership say his unspecific calls for democracy and people power actually fit comfortably within a Communist Party committed to absolute rule. Others question his maverick credentials, calling him less a reformer than the good cop in a bad-cop system. "Wen's become the human face of the administration, and he's been very effective," said Susan Shirk, a longtime China expert at the University of California, San Diego. She added: "The other possibility is that Wen Jiabao has two faces. He advocates transparency in his public statements, but only insofar as it doesn't threaten the authority of the party." But in a mostly faceless and closed-mouth leadership, no one strains so publicly at his tethers – or suffers as many rebuffs – as Wen. That pattern has intensified as jockeying begins in next year's choices of a new politburo and the next generation of China's top leaders. □

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# Disenchantment grips Tunisian town of Arab Spring martyr

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**SIDI BOUZID, Tunisia** – It is hard to say for sure who took down the portrait of the revolution's most famous martyr, Mohamed Bouazizi, from its perch atop a garish gold statue on the street where he set himself on fire, touching off a season of revolt across the Arab world. One man said unnamed counterrevolutionaries did it, and another man said it was damaged by rain. Bouazizi's neighbors say it was taken down in disgust, several weeks ago, after his mother, uncle and siblings left Sidi Bouzid, an act the neighbors considered a betrayal. Their anger stemmed from rumors that the family had accepted large sums of money to move to a villa in Tunis. But more than that, they said they were furious at being left behind, in a place with no jobs, money or hope, without the famous

Bouazizis to give voice to their despair. "She abandoned us, and nothing here changed," said Seif Amri, 18, a neighbor, speaking of Bouazizi's mother, Mannoubia Bouazizi. It is a measure of the deep frustration in Sidi Bouzid that a few people have lashed out at the town's favorite son. That anger is misplaced, most residents say, blaming the lack of progress here on the transitional government, which has moved slowly to address one of the revolution's central complaints – youth unemployment – especially here in the towns of central Tunisia, where the uprising began. The bitterness here stands in stark contrast to a guarded optimism elsewhere in Tunisia about the progress of the revolution, and it threatens to undermine the gains: Several times in the past few months, disputes over jobs have led to dead-

ly episodes of violence. Analysts say the government's response has been inadequate, consisting mainly of a cash hand-

would create short-term jobs, waiting instead for the market to correct the problems. "There hasn't been enough provided

that came were late or insufficient. Young people expected something immediately. They expected that after taking this revolutionary step, there would be some return, in terms of jobs but also recognition. "A young person who says 'I want a job, I am fed up with being marginalized, and this is not something I can bear anymore,' does not care whether it's the fault of the government or the market," he added. In Tunisia, as in Egypt, the optimism fueled by a popular uprising has crashed into the cold reality that life has not quickly improved, and in many cases, has even grown more challenging as economies stall and interim leaders struggle to build a new system. Youth unemployment was high in Tunisia even before the revolution – as high as 30 percent, and more than 40 percent in towns like Sidi Bouzid, economists say. □



**A child in a neighborhood in the town of Sidi Bouzid, home to Mohamed Bouazizi, the revolution's most famous martyr who set himself on fire. The bitterness in Sidi Bouzid stands in stark contrast to a guarded optimism elsewhere in Tunisia about the progress of the revolution, and it threatens to undermine the gains where disputes over jobs have led to deadly episodes of violence.**

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out scheme. They also say some ministers have resisted pushing for large-scale government projects that

or offered," said Mongi Boughzala, an economics professor at the University of Tunis. "The few programs

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## Syrian military attacks defiant city

ANTHONY SHADID

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**BEIRUT** — The Syrian military defied growing condemnation and launched another assault on the country's most restive locales on Sunday, deploying dozens of tanks and armored vehicles into parts of a city in eastern Syria that it had long feared provoking, activists and residents said. Dozens were killed, they said, and thousands had fled the city.

The attack before dawn on Deir al-Zour came exactly a week after Syrian forces attacked Hama, a city in



**Israeli soldiers escorts ultra-Orthodox Jews during a visit to the site where they believe biblical patriarch Abraham heard from God for the first time in Mount Dov at the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights near the city of Kiryat Shmona. The mount is usually a closed military area due to its location along northern Israel's border with Lebanon and Syria.**

(AP Photo/ Tsafir Abayov)

central Syria that had largely wrested itself from government control this summer. Like Hama, Deir al-Zour, in Syria's oil and gas-producing region, had been the scene of mass protests, with hundreds of thousands in the streets. But the military, wary of the city's powerful and well armed extended clans, had mostly stayed on the outskirts.

Together, the two cities — Syria's fourth and fifth largest — had emerged as the most defiant in a five-month uprising against four decades of rule by the Assad family. The government's assaults there — part of a crackdown that, by the count of some human rights groups, has killed more than 2,000 people — confirmed what many saw as the government's determination to keep power through violence.

Residents put the death toll at 42, and one of them said a family of six trying to escape — a mother and father with four children — were among the dead. □

## Caribbean Briefs

### Ex-Tropical Storm Emily falls apart

**MIAMI (AP)** — Former Tropical Storm Emily has disintegrated into just storm remnants after dumping heavy rains in the Bahamas. The National Hurricane Center said Sunday afternoon that Emily no longer had the features of a tropical storm. It was moving away from the Bahamas and the U.S. East Coast. It was about 295 miles (475 kilometers) south-southeast of Cape Hatteras, N.C., with winds at about 30 mph (45 kph). Forecasters say it supposed to move out to sea. The hurricane center said the 5 p.m. advisory would be the last on the storm. Emily had broken apart after causing floods and damaging hundreds of homes in Haiti. □

### Earthquake rattles St. Lucia

**CASTRIES, St. Lucia (AP)** — A moderate earthquake has rattled St. Lucia and nearby islands in the eastern Caribbean, causing some alarm but no reported damage or injuries. The U.S. Geological Service says the magnitude-5 quake struck shortly after midnight Saturday and was centered about 44 miles (72 kilometers) east-southeast of St. Lucia's capital, Castries. It had a depth of about 24 miles (40 kilometers). In Castries, some panicked residents ran into the streets and lingered outdoors, fearing aftershocks. □

### Official says jobless rate drops

**NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)** — The jobless rate in the Bahamas has decreased, but officials say it's largely because more islanders have given up looking for jobs or are working in the informal sector. The Bahamas Department of Statistics says the most recent figures show the national unemployment rate has decreased from 14.2 percent in 2009 to 13.7 percent in May. Agency officials say the local unemployment rate would be 18.7 percent if discouraged workers were included in the overall data. □

### Ariane 5 rocket launched

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — The European space consortium Arianespace has launched two television broadcasting satellites into orbit from its Guiana Space Center in South America. One satellite taken aloft Saturday by an Ariane 5 ECA rocket is owned by Luxembourg-based SES Astra. The other is owned by Lockheed Martin Commercial Space Systems of the U.S. under contract for Japan's B-SAT Corp. and SKY Perfect JSAT Corp. Arianespace has 21 shareholders from 10 European countries, including France's CNES space agency.

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## U.S. is widening its role in Mexico's drug war

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The United States is expanding its role in Mexico's bloody fight against drug trafficking organizations, sending new CIA operatives and retired military personnel to the country, and considering plans to deploy private security contractors in hopes of turning around a multibillion-dollar effort that so far has shown few results. In recent weeks, small numbers of CIA operatives and U.S. civilian military employees have been posted at a Mexican military base, where, for the first time, security officials from both countries are working side by side in collecting information about drug cartels and helping plan operations. Officials are also looking into embedding a team of U.S. contractors inside a specially vetted Mexican counternarcotics police unit. Officials on both sides of the border said the new efforts have been designed to get around Mexican laws that prohibit foreign military and police from operating on its soil, and to prevent advanced U.S. surveillance technology from falling under the control of Mexican security agencies with long histories of corruption.

"A sea change has occurred over the past years in how effective Mexico and U.S. intelligence exchanges have become," said Arturo

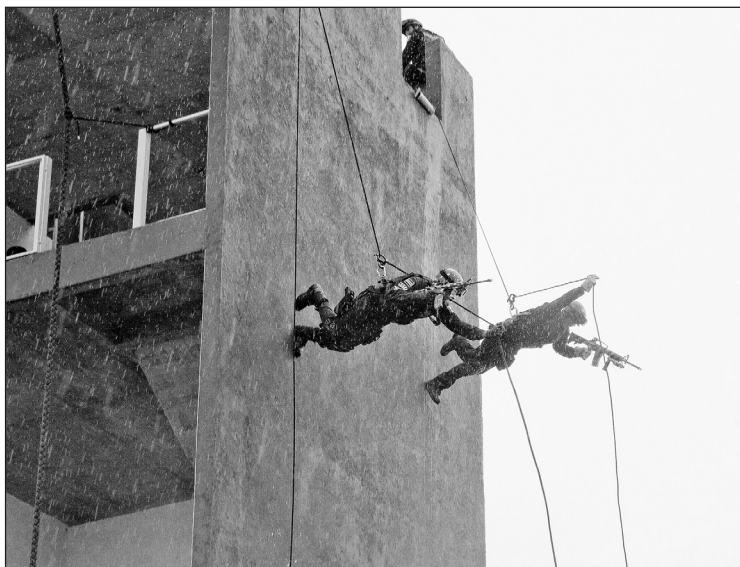
Sarukhan, Mexico's ambassador to the United States.

"It is underpinned by the understanding that transnational organized crime can only be successfully confronted by working hand in hand, and that

threat of violence spilling over the border, and Mexican President Felipe Calderon's political party faces an electorate that is almost certainly going to ask why it should stick with a fight that has left nearly 45,000

government send it back to the gringos." Mexico has become ground zero in the U.S. counternarcotics fight since its cartels have cornered the market and are responsible for more than 80 percent of the drugs that enter the United States. U.S. counternarcotics assistance there has grown faster in recent years than to Afghanistan and Colombia. In the last three years, officials said, exchanges of intelligence between the United States and Mexico have helped security forces there capture or kill some 30 mid- to high-level drug traffickers, compared with just two such arrests in the previous five years. The United States has

trained nearly 4,500 new federal police agents and assisted in conducting wiretaps, running informants and interrogating suspects. The Pentagon has provided sophisticated equipment, including Black Hawk helicopters, and in recent months it has begun flying unarmed surveillance drones over Mexican soil to track drug kingpins. Still, it is hard to say much real progress has been made in crippling the brutal cartels or stemming the flow of drugs and guns across the border. Mexico's justice system remains so weakened by corruption that even the most notorious criminals have not been successfully prosecuted. □



Mexican federal police agents during training at the Federal Police headquarters in Mexico City. The United States is expanding its role in Mexico's fight against drug trafficking organizations, sending new CIA operatives and retired military personnel to the country.

(Adriana Zehbrauskas/The New York Times)

the outcome is as simple as it is compelling: we will together succeed or together fail." The latest steps come three years after the United States began increasing its security assistance to Mexico with the \$1.4 billion Merida Initiative and tens of millions of dollars from the Defense Department. They also come a year before elections in both countries, when President Barack Obama may face questions about the

people dead. "The pressure is going to be especially strong in Mexico, where I expect there will be a lot more raids, a lot more arrests and a lot more parading drug traffickers in front of cameras," said Vanda Felbab-Brown, a counternarcotics expert at the Brookings Institution. "But I would also expect a lot of questioning of Merida, and some people asking about the way the money is spent or demanding that the

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# "Hello, e-receipts, goodbye, scraps of paper"



**Buddy Bourne, left, rings up a sale using a mobile device with Jacqui Trent, a customer, right, at Nordstrom, in Seattle. Major retailers have begun offering electronic versions of receipts, either e-mailed or uploaded to password-protected Web sites, and customers are increasingly receptive to the idea.**

(Stuart Isett/The New York Times)

## S. CLIFFORD

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At an Old Navy store in New York the other day, Fabienne Michel made a routine purchase of khaki shorts. But she left the store without something equally routine: her receipt.

The sales clerk had sent it to Michel by email. "It's easier," said Michel, a 30-year-old nurse. "You can reprint it, save it, make folders in your email."

To the rubbish pile that the Internet is creating, alongside the road maps, newspapers and music CDs, add one more artifact of American consumer life, the paper receipt.

Major retailers, including Whole Foods Market, Nordstrom, Gap Inc. (which owns Old Navy and Banana Republic), Anthropologie, Patagonia, Sears and Kmart, have begun offering electronic versions of receipts, either emailed or uploaded to password-protected websites. And more and more customers, the retailers report, are opting for paperless.

"As consumers, we're changing the way we shop," said Jennifer Miles, who oversees retail systems at VeriFone, which makes checkout technology. "Customers are starting to want electronic receipts."

Many people like keeping searchable records on a computer — e-receipts come in handy during tax season, make some returns a snap and are a tidy addition to the e-purchases already stored on countless hard drives. Others see the paper versions as an anachronism, wasteful of resources and as irrelevant as printed bank statements and mutual fund reports. And face it, paper receipts can be annoyances, burrowing into the bottoms of purses, getting lost in glove compartments or fattening up wallets — only to be pulled out and puzzled over long after their usefulness has expired.

"I throw them out," said Francesca Joseph, 29, who was shopping with Michel at the Old Navy store. Retailers first bandied about the idea of electronic receipts in the late 1990s, but the dot-com crash stopped most of the efforts, said Birame N. Sock, who runs an electronic-receipt company. In 2005, Apple introduced electronic receipts at its stylish retail stores. More mainstream retailers found the checkout system difficult to replicate and, Miles said, worried that most shoppers were not quite ready for such a technological leap.

about the digital receipt," she said.

This year, Nordstrom introduced tablet-like devices in many of its stores so roving clerks could check out shoppers on the spot. The devices can print receipts via wireless Internet when a customer asks, but the goal is to provide digital receipts.

"As the technology has started to evolve, we saw the opportunity to create a better experience for the customer, wherever they are in a store," said Jamie Nordstrom, president of Nordstrom's direct-sales division. "A customer's in a dressing room, they try on a bunch of things, they say, 'I want to buy this and that.' Now, we've got to take them out of the dressing room, wrap all that stuff at

keting opportunities for retailers. Gap, Nordstrom and many other stores, for example, add the customer's email address to a mailing list for follow-up offers.

That marketing potential is a drawback to some customers, said Robert Cohen, vice president of retail at Patagonia, which began offering e-receipts nine months ago. "People are very protective of their email inbox," he said, so only about one-third of Patagonia's customers choose an electronic receipt.

Sock's service, MyReceipts, tries to sidestep email objections by offering other electronic delivery options. The company is working with retailers like Whole Foods to upload purchase information to a password-protected site. Customers



**A customer looks up his receipt on his cell phone during a return at Patagonia in New York.**

(Andrea Morales/The New York Times)

Now, though, the rush to imitate Apple's success is in full force, and paperless receipts have become a rite of passage for retailers trying to integrate the digital experience into their brick and mortar stores.

Sock said that once mobile phones were widely used to make payments, as with Google Wallet and other efforts, e-receipts would become standard.

"A lot of these retailers are looking into mobile payments, and with mobile payments, you have to talk

the wrap desk, use the cash register somewhere else." Nordstrom said the retailer was also thinking about ways to make its e-receipts more appealing, perhaps by adding a picture of the item to the receipt so a shopper could post it to a Facebook wall.

Beyond the cost savings and environmental benefit (an estimated 9.6 million trees are cut each year for receipts in the United States, according to allEtronic, a digital receipt company), the e-receipts present mar-

can search their receipts and soon, Sock said, review tallies of how much they spend on ice cream or shampoo.

All that data helps the retailers, too, who can send customers coupons based on the purchases history. Sock said retailers would see only a customer ID number, not personal information, unless the shopper elected to share personal information.

As paper receipts disintegrate, some people are a bit wistful. □



# LOCAL Aruba TODAY

## Radisson celebrates excellence among resort



**PALM BEACH** – The Colleague of the Month celebration at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa unfolded over deli-

cious lunch as the Department of Human Resources presented the stellar line up of nominees. For the months of April and

May, 2011, many of the resort colleagues demonstrated leadership and initiative, which earned them the coveted nomination,

among them Rosa Mary Rivas of Gilligan's Beach Bar & Grill, Robert Di Vecchia, of Purchasing, Errol da Costa, of the Sunset Grille Restaurant and Steve Lacle, of the Beverage Department. The winner, Michael Arendsz, from the Engineering Department, distinguished himself for his high level of performance and his fast and effective leadership during mechanical breakdowns and complicated repair projects.

His recognition was received by members of his department, in his absence. For May Carlos He, Sunset Grille Restaurant, Winnie Mabalay, Beverage, Silve-

rio Hodge, Bell Desk and Rosemary St. Felix, House-keeping, exhibited a Yes I Can attitude in their dealing with internal and external customers, it is however paymaster Rainer Wever, Accounting, who received the highest accolades for his accurate and dedicated work and for the tireless and positive drive he brings to work every day. Pictured here, the award ceremony at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa attended by General Manager Rob Smith and presented by Glenn Farro and the Department of Human Resources. □





# Ventanas del Mar Offers a fun trip to Argentinean Wine Country



**TERRA DEL SOL** – Wine & Food lovers gathered around the community table on the terrace of Ventanas del Mar Restaurant for a tasting of Argentinean wines paired with the res-

taurant's gourmet cuisine. The evening was co-hosted by Arion Wine Company under the slogan, Viva la Copa de Viña de Argentina! The culinary affair took off

with a Goat Cheese Pizetta which was paired with Alamos Torrontes Mendoza, and followed by a classic Salmon with Hollandaise sauce, escorted by Bodegas Salentein Chardonnay Uco Valley, as the first appetizer. The second appetizer featured Jumbo Scallop & Shrimp over black laghi-tarra pasta with shiitake sauce, complemented by Bodegas Salentein Pinot Noir Uco Valley, both elegant and refined wines. The main course, Prime Rib Pincho with potato wedges matched the Bodega Catena Zapata Malbec. Argentina's famous Mal-

bec also escorted the bountiful Cheese Platter. Ventanas del Mar restaurant had recently launched the tradition of monthly wine and food tastings. While the first dinner a few weeks ago enjoyed a modest attendance, the popularity of the evening grew instantaneously, resulting in a sold out affair for the third edition of the tasting. Educating and entertaining guests, the culinary team of Ventanas del Mar in conjunction with Arion Wine, made casual fun presentations with each course describing the wine and elaborate on the deli-



cious food preparations. The tasty and appetizing night, paired with a great selection of flavorful wines will preset another edition, with a different theme, at the end of August. □

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# Hailey Goldenberg honored at the Marriott's Surf Club



**PALM BEACH** – Recently, Miss Hailey Goldenberg was honored as distinguished visitors for the island of Aruba after returning to Aruba for 10 consecutive years. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for between 10 or more consecutive years. The recent honoring took place at the Marriott's Aruba Surf Club and was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel, Aruba Tourism Authority Representative. Miss Hailey Goldenberg started coming to Aruba with her parents since she was a baby and she loves it so much she can't wait for the school vacation to start to come to her home away from home. Pictured: Mr. Ernest Giel with Miss Hailey her parents and grandma together with Miss Luzdary Leest and staff member from the Marriott Surf Club. □

# Divi Village guests honored



**ORANJESTAD** – Recently, Mr. Stephen and Mrs. Cynthia Hunter were honored as Goodwill Ambassadors for the island of Aruba after returning to Aruba for 35 consecutive years. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20 or more consecutive years. The recent honorings took place at the Divi Village and were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel, Aruba Tourism Authority Representative. The Hunter couple loves the island so much for its beauty and friendliness; they have also a lot of memories from the time that the island was not so much developed. Pictured: Mr. Ernest Giel with Mr. and Mrs. Hunter together with Mrs. Gloria and Mr. Griffith from the Divi Village. □

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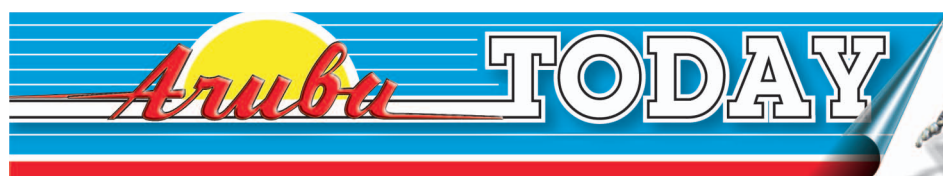
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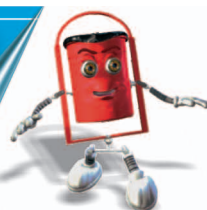
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## Celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary underwater



**ORANJESTAD** - The Seitz family are here in Aruba for their 25th wedding anniversary! They are staying at the Marriott's Surf Club and are guest of Aruba-lover Kent Gerber. Kent is known as Aruba Bob and has been on the Island 23 times and loves to take people snorkeling with his bladefish water scooters to the best spot on the Island. The Seitz family brought their 2 girls along with them and a family friend. Here is what the 3 girls had to say:

"The stay in Aruba was way too short - the highlights were the snorkeling with Aruba Bob, the off-road trip to the Natural Pool and the impressive dives with the folks at Aqua Windies," says Dana.

Andrea continued "Aruba Bob's scutters were really fun. Got to see so many fish and cool critters. The dives with Aqua Windies were absolutely incredible!"

"I enjoyed the trip to Charlies, Baby Beach and scutter snorkeling the best,"

said Kara.

The family has been coming to Aruba more 25 years. The island has changed a lot - but the beauty of the ocean - from snorkeling and diving is simply the best. □





# Rockies road: Colorado loses 16th straight Sunday game

Colorado Rockies' Jonathan Herrera is congratulated after scoring against the Washington Nationals during the seventh inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011, in Denver.

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## SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY



Radek Stepanek, of the Czech Republic, poses with the trophy after defeating Gael Monfils, of France, in the singles final match at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011, in Washington. Stepanek won 6-4, 6-4.

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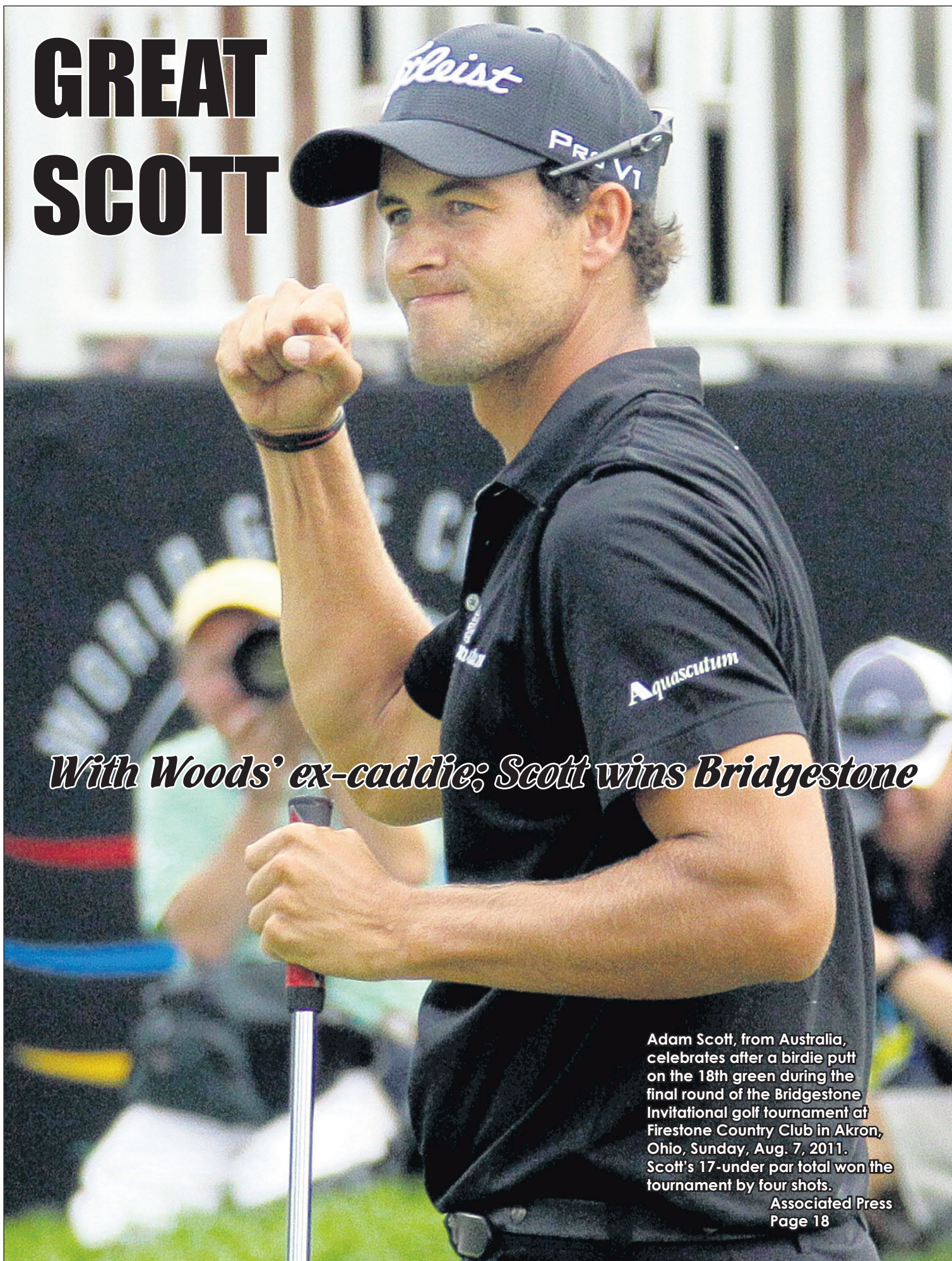
## Stepanek upsets Monfils

HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Unseeded Radek Stepanek's net-charging style carried him to the Legg Mason Tennis Classic title at age 32, making him the tournament's oldest champion since Jimmy Connors was 35 in 1988. Stepanek won an ATP final for the first time in 2 1/2 years by upsetting top-seeded Gael Monfils of France 6-4, 6-4 Sunday at the hard-court warmup for the U.S. Open. "We are like a wine: The older we are getting, the better we are," Stepanek said with a smile. "It's a great feeling to be able to compete with the young guys and still beat them," added the Czech, who is eight years older than Monfils.

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## GREAT SCOTT



*With Woods' ex-caddie; Scott wins Bridgestone*

Adam Scott, from Australia, celebrates after a birdie putt on the 18th green during the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011. Scott's 17-under par total won the tournament by four shots.

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# Scott wins 1st World title, with Woods' caddie

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**AKRON, Ohio (AP)** — Adam Scott hit all the right shots Sunday in a round that was close to flawless and earned him his first World Golf Championship title. He celebrated with a caddie who has won quite a few more.

Steve Williams, fired last month by Tiger Woods after a 12-year partnership, felt like a bigger winner when Scott rolled in one last birdie for a 5-under 65 and a four-shot victory in the Bridgestone Invitational.

Williams, who had been on Woods' bag for 72 wins — including 13 majors and 16 world titles — called it “the best win of my life.”

It was Scott who hit the shots, such as a chip-in for birdie on the 12th and a birdie putt just inside 30 feet on the 14th that enabled him to pull away from 19-year-old Ryo Ishikawa over the final hour at Firestone.

Even so, Williams became part of the show this week, especially since Woods was playing for the first time in nearly three months.

Williams took a jab at Woods in an interview off the 18th green by saying that of his 145 wins in his 33 years as a caddie, this WGC title with the affable Australian made it the “the greatest week of my caddying in my life.”

That would include 13 majors, including an unprecedented four in a row through the 2001 Masters. Fans chanted Williams' name as he walked toward

the 18th green, and Williams smiled back. One fan shouted out, “How do you like him now, Tiger?” By then, Woods was long gone.

After missing three months with a leg injury, he finished a tournament for the first time since the Masters on April 10 and closed with a 70 to tie for 37th, 18 shots behind.

Williams referred to himself as a “great front-runner” in a CBS Sports interview on the 18th green, even though he didn't hit a shot. The sideshow took away from a high level of golf. Scott played the final 26 holes without a bogey, and he couldn't afford to drop any shots.

He finished at 17-under 263 for the lowest winning score at Firestone since Woods won at 259 in 2000. Rickie Fowler and world No. 1 Luke Donald each had a 66 and tied for second.

Ishikawa, who stayed with Scott for most of the round until the Australian pulled away, made a bogey on the last hole for a 69 that dropped him into a tie for fourth with Jason Day (69). It was the highest finish in America for the Japanese star.

Scott became the third Australian to win a world title, joining Geoff Ogilvy and Craig Parry. He won for the 18th time in his career and moved back into the top 10.

While his old boss was on the mend, Williams agreed to caddie for Scott at the U.S. Open, miffed that he had flown from New Zea-



**Adam Scott, right, from Australia laughs with his caddie, Steve Williams, on the 16th tee during the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.**

**Associated Press**

land to America before Woods told him he would not be at Congressional. Williams worked for Scott again at the AT&T National, the tournament that benefits Woods' foundation, and Woods said he fired him after the final round.

Woods said he told him face-to-face. Williams said Sunday that Woods fired him over the phone. The theatrics took away from Scott's big win.

He played so well he could have gone even lower except for missing two birdie putts inside 12 feet on the 16th and 17th holes.

“Today, I was on,” Scott said.

“To win here at this place, a World Golf Championship, it's huge.”

It didn't hurt having Williams at his side. Along with his experience working for Woods, along with major champions Greg Norman and Raymond Floyd, Williams was on the bag for all seven of Woods' victories at Firestone.

“He knows this place better than anyone,” Scott said. The biggest threat to Scott came from Ishikawa, although Fowler and Day remained in the mix, and Donald emerged late. Ishikawa, trying to become the youngest winner in America in 100 years, couldn't keep up when Scott made two birdies on the back nine to build a three-shot lead. Ishikawa three-putted the 15th when he was running out of time.

“I was able to play well to be at least on top for a moment in the first half of the game today,” Ishikawa said through a translator. “I think the 14th and 15th hole separated everything.”

Fowler, dressed in his bright Sunday orange, is still looking for his first win.

He didn't do much wrong Sunday, playing bogey-free, but it wasn't enough to catch Scott.

“It's definitely the best I've played going into a major,” Fowler said.

Woods opened strongly with two birdies on the opening five holes before he “absolutely lost it” with his game, dropping five shots and not hitting a fairway on seven straight tee shots. □





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## Keselowski wins at Pocono with broken ankle



Martin Truex Jr. (56) and Greg Biffle (16) drive as rain falls during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011, in Long Pond, Pa.

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By DAN GELSTON  
AP Sports Writer |

LONG POND, Pa. (AP)

— Brad Keselowski raced all 500 miles of Sunday's Sprint Cup stop at Pocono Raceway with a broken left ankle.

As if that wasn't enough, he somehow managed to win, too.

Competing with a brace on his ankle, Keselowski sped off on the final restart late in the race to pick up his second victory of the season. He gingerly climbed out of his car to celebrate with his crew in Victory Lane.

"It doesn't feel good, but I'll be all right," he said.

Keselowski was an unlikely winner after he crashed head-on into a wall on Wednesday during a test session at Road Atlanta. He slammed a section of wall at 100 mph and was forced out of the Nationwide Series race.

He insisted during practice this weekend he wouldn't leave the No. 2 Dodge, no matter how much pain he was in.

Wasn't necessary. Keselowski had some rest during a 1 hour, 40-minute rain de-

lay.

"I was amazed he raced the full race," third-place finisher Kurt Busch said.

Keselowski's victory thrust him into prime position to claim one of two wild-card spots available for the Chase for the championship. The top two drivers with the most victories in 11th to 20th place earn a wild-card spot for the playoffs.

Keselowski, in 18th place, is the only one of the wild-card contenders with two victories. Only five races remain until the field is set. The top 10 drivers in the points

standings automatically qualify.

Keselowski posted several updates on his injury this week on his Twitter page, including two photos that showed a swollen ankle and an abrasion on his foot. His broken left ankle ballooned to the size of a softball, and he needed a left shoe a size larger than his right one.

"There's no good time, but this is certainly the worst time," he said Friday.

No way. Keselowski won his third career Cup race and first since he won in June at Kansas.

Kyle Busch was second, Jimmie Johnson fourth and Ryan Newman fifth.

Kurt Busch and Johnson had a heated exchange after the race because of some last-lap contact and had to be separated by their crews. The star drivers took turns bumping into each other on the final lap. Busch said it was simply hard racing and Johnson, the five-time defending Cup champion, overreacted.

"You want to race, let's race," Busch said. "I raced him smart, raced him clean, and he wants to come back here and (complain) about it. Why can't we race each

other like this and put on a show for the fans?"

There was a racing triple-header after rain halted the Trucks Series race on Saturday and wiped out the ARCA race. Kevin Harvick won the Trucks race, Ty Dillon took ARCA and Keselowski capped it all with his gutsy performance.

"There are moments in our sport that need to be documented as an 'Iron Man' type of day," Kurt Busch said. "It's amazing what the body can do."

Rain hit Pocono hard the last two days and when the red flag came on lap 125, Joey Logano had the lead. He took a break in the ESPN broadcast booth where he was asked if he wanted the rain to stop or keep coming.

"I think it's a dumb question," he said.

Logano faded hard and finished 26th. Points leader Carl Edwards, who signed a multiyear extension with Roush Fenway Racing, was seventh.

Once the rain stopped, Kyle Busch build a sizable lead until it was wiped out on a final caution.

That was the opening Keselowski needed and he took advantage — even with only one good ankle. □



# Padres hand Pirates 10th straight loss, 7-3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The fading Pittsburgh Pirates finished up the worst home series in their 125-year history to lose their 10th straight game overall, beaten by Mat Latos (6-11) and the San Diego Padres 7-3 Sunday. Latos' mastery continued the misery for the Pirates, who completed an 0-7 stay at PNC Park against the last-place Padres and Chicago Cubs, two teams that were a combined 39 games under .500 when the week began. Pittsburgh was winless on a homestand of at least seven games for the first time in franchise history, STATS LLC said. No team in the majors has had a homestand that long without a win since Kansas City in May 2006. A day after the Pirates held a players-only meeting following a 13-2 loss, they trailed 7-0 going into the bottom of the eighth. Kevin Correia (12-10) allowed one run on three hits through 5 2-3 innings before running into two-out trouble



**Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Daniel McCutchen, second from top, shows the ball to umpire Brian Runge, third from top, who calls San Diego Padres' Kyle Blanks (88) safe after a wild pitch in the sixth inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011. Padres' Mat Latos (38) looks on.**  
Associated Press

in the sixth. He was charged with four runs on five hits and four walks, falling to 2-8 at home this season. **Giants 3, Phillies 1**

At San Francisco, Tim Lincecum stayed sharp until getting hit in the right knee by Chase Utley's bounding bat as San Francisco end-

ed Philadelphia's season-high nine-game winning streak, tagging Roy Oswalt and beating the Phillies. Jeff Keppinger had four hits as the Giants spoiled Oswalt's return from the disabled list. San Francisco avoided a four-game sweep in a match-up of NL division leaders. Lincecum (10-9) went down in the eighth inning when Utley accidentally lost his grip and the bat skittered toward the mound. Utley went out to check on Lincecum, who handed back the bat, walked it off and stayed in the game. Utley then hit a one-out single. Utley's act of sportsmanship was a far cry from the bench-clearing brawl between the clubs Friday night. Brian Wilson finished for his 34th save in 38 chances, closing out the Giants' second win in 10 games. **Braves 6, Mets 5** At New York, Chipper Jones hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning of a wild game that included injuries to New York's top two hitters, Jose

Reyes and Daniel Murphy. Jason Heyward, Alex Gonzalez and Jose Constanza homered early for the Braves, who finally solved rookie Dillon Gee and handed the Mets their sixth loss in seven games. Dan Uggla extended his hitting streak to a career-best 28 games. It was the first major league homer for Constanza — he also got his first stolen base, spiking Murphy in the process. Reyes, the National League batting leader, was lifted in the second because of stiffness in his left hamstring, the same spot that landed him on the disabled list last month. **Brewers 7, Astros 3** At Houston, Zack Greinke equaled a season high by going seven innings and Prince Fielder homered to help Milwaukee beat Houston for its sixth straight win. Fielder had three hits and scored four runs for the Brewers, who have won 11 of their last 12 games. Yuniesky Betancourt drove in three runs. Mark Kotsay added three hits and an RBI in place of the injured Corey Hart. Greinke (10-4) allowed a run and four hits. He's won his last three starts and kept opponents to two earned runs or fewer in his last six. **Cardinals 8, Marlins 4** At Miami, Matt Holliday drove in three runs with a pair of two-out singles and Albert Pujols homered as St. Louis rallied to complete its first four-game series sweep on the road since 2004 by beating Florida. In a single series, the Cardinals matched their longest winning streak of the season. Pujols hit his third home run of the series and his 27th this season, and his intentional walk backfired on the Marlins in the sixth inning, when Holliday followed with a tying single. **In other NL games it was Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 5; St. Louis 8, Florida 4; San Diego 7, Pittsburgh 3; Milwaukee 7, Houston 3; Cincinnati 8, Chicago Cubs 7; Washington 3, Colorado 2; San Francisco 3, Philadelphia 1; and Arizona 4, L.A. Dodgers 3.**

## Stepanek

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The Czech won the point on 29 of his 39 trips to the net. Monfils, in contrast, was content to stay close to the baseline and only made it forward four times. "He was very aggressive," said Monfils, who fell to 3-11 in four finals. "It was very tough to impose my game." And that's exactly what Stepanek's intention was. "I want to be in control of the match, be the, I would say, 'boss' of the court," said Stepanek, who ended an eight-match losing streak against top-10 opponents. The No. 7-ranked Monfils might have been feeling the effects of his semifinal, which ended about nine hours after Stepanek's did Saturday. Monfils' 2½-hour, rain-delayed victory over big-serving John Isner finished at 1:15 a.m., with the Frenchman winning in a third-set tiebreaker after saving a match point.



**Radek Stepanek, of the Czech Republic, celebrates after he defeated Gael Monfils, of France, in the singles final match at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011, in Washington. Stepanek won 6-4, 6-4.**

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"Today I was a little bit — a fraction — slower," said Monfils, who didn't get to bed until about 4 a.m., then was back on court about 11 hours later. More showers came Sunday, resulting in two delays that totaled about an hour. Stepanek entered the week ranked 54th, but he won

six consecutive matches, including three against seeded players. He earned \$264,000 for his fifth career title and ended a drought that extended to San Jose in February 2009, then celebrated by dropping to the court and contorting his body in a dance move known as "The Worm." He

won 52 of his 56 service games in Washington and never even faced a break point against Monfils, who lost serve once in each set Sunday. Stepanek is eight years older than Monfils but, as the Frenchman noted, "He's in good shape." About an hour before the first point of the final, Monfils headed out to a practice court — and he was toting a soccer ball, which he used to get his blood flowing. Still, rather understandably, Monfils got off to something of a sleepy start against Stepanek, double-faulting twice in the opening game before managing to hold. Then, in Monfils' next service game, he got broken to trail 2-1. Clearly not at his best, Monfils did manage to delight the crowd with his usual athleticism and showmanship. At 15-30 in the third game, Stepanek hit a volley too strongly, and Monfils — at the baseline — leaped and let the ball sail through his legs and drop long. □





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## U.S. swimmer Nyad begins swim across Florida Straits

PETER ORSI  
 Associated Press

**HAVANA (AP)** — American endurance swimmer Diana Nyad jumped into Cuban waters Sunday evening and set off in a bid to become the first person to swim across the Florida Straits without the aid of a shark cage.

Tanned and freckled from long hours training in the open seas of the Caribbean, the 61-year-old Nyad expressed confidence before starting off. She said the still air and flat water were perfect conditions for her attempt to make a 103-mile (166-kilometer), 60-hour swim from Havana to the Florida Keys.

"The adrenaline's flowing now," Nyad said at a jetty in western Havana as she looked at the water. "... I don't believe much in destiny, but you have to take what you can get, and this is what I dreamed of: a silver platter."

She changed into a black swimsuit and blue swim cap and an assistant greased her shoulders and armpits to prevent chafing in the salty water.

Nyad played "Reveille" on a bugle, thanked several dozen well-wishers who came to see her, then jumped feet first into the sea.

She swam away just before sunset, escorted by kayaks and several larger boats carrying her support team. Earlier in the day, Nyad said it has been a lifelong dream and she hopes her feat, if successful, will inspire people to live vigorously during their golden years.

"I also want it to be a moment for thousands, and I dare say millions of people my age, who are going to look and say, '60!'" Nyad said at a news conference. "The joke is 60 is the new

40, and it's true. We are a younger generation than the 60 that went before us." She called the attempt a "symbolic moment" for increasing understanding between the United States and Cuba, two nations torn by five decades of animosity and mistrust.

"I'm under no delusion that my swim is going to make any new political ramifications," she added. "But it is a human moment between the two countries."

Nyad spent the day eating, hydrating and meeting with members of her team. Five boats planned to sail alongside with 45 support crew on board, from navigators, nutritionists and doctors to shark wranglers and a film crew that has been documenting her story.

"I can't do this alone," she said at a news conference. Nyad first had a go at this crossing as a 28-year-old back in 1978, when she swam inside a steel shark cage for about 42 hours before sea currents hammering her off course put an end to that attempt.

The following year she set a world record for open-water swimming without a shark cage, charting 102.5 miles (165 kilometers) from the Bahamas to Florida before retiring from competitive endurance swimming. Still, she said the aborted Cuba attempt stuck with her all these years, and upon turning 60, she started thinking about a comeback.

"What if I went back and tried to chase that elusive dream of Cuba?" she said. "And I started training and I found it was in my heart and it was in my body. ... It seems almost like a dream to me, but now it's real."

Australian swimmer Susie Maroney successfully swam the shark-filled waters from



American endurance swimmer Diana Nyad swims in Cuban waters, offshore Havana, Cuba, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011. Nyad jumped into Cuban waters Sunday evening and set off in a bid to become the first person to swim across the Florida Straits without the aid of a shark cage.

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Cuba through the Straits and to the Keys in 1997, though she used a cage. Nyad will be relying on special equipment that surrounds her with an electric current imperceptible to humans but strong enough to keep most sharks at bay. Whitetip sharks are not deterred by the field, so divers will be standing by to gently discourage any of those who get curious — without harming them.

For the record to be considered valid, Nyad will have to make the swim without a wetsuit. Her crew will navigate, monitor her health and provide nourishment. But she is not allowed to touch the boat, nor can her helpers hold her, until she emerges fully onto dry land. Even that could be a challenge in Florida's mangrove thickets, exhausted

and with no land legs after 2½ days of swimming.

Nyad plans to swim a north-west course aiming to arrive at a point in the Keys a little east of due north, compensating for sea currents.

She plans to stop every 45 minutes for 20-second hydration breaks — water, juice, sports drinks. Every 90 minutes she'll rest for 2 minutes and nibble on bread or a spoonful of peanut butter.

By day two she'll begin drinking heated water and hot chocolate to ward off hypothermia, which becomes a threat after so many hours at sea even with water temperatures expected to be 86 to 88 degrees Fahrenheit (30 to 31 degrees Celsius).

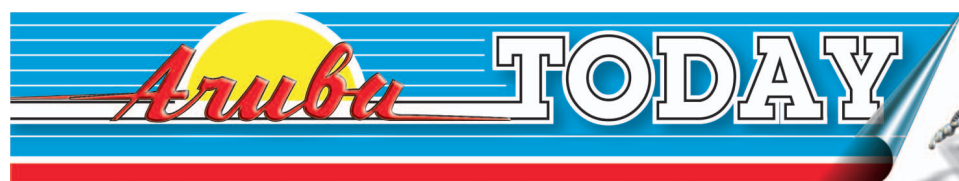
She described long swims as marathons of "sensory deprivation," unable to see

or hear much through her fogged-up goggles and swim cap. Her thoughts will wander to abstracts like the nature of the universe, infinity, space and time. At other times, songs run obsessively through her mind — including "Guantanamera," the only Spanish-language tune she knows.

"I decide, OK, I'm going to sing 'Guantanamera' 2,000 times and that'll take me exactly three hours and fifty minutes," she said. "I try to pick songs that match my stroke. ... It just helps me pass the time."

Nyad said her un-retirement is a one-time thing, and after this she'll be hanging up her goggles.

"I didn't come back to be a marathon swimmer again. This is the only one," she said. "I just came back for Cuba." □



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## Sperm from mice stem cells offers infertility hope

**TOKYO (AP)** — A team of scientists has reported producing viable sperm using the stem cells of mice in an experiment that researchers hope could one day lead to treating infertile men.

The Kyoto University researchers managed to induce mice stem cells into creating sperm precursors, which were transplanted into infertile male mice.

The mice then produced sperm that was successfully used to fertilize eggs in a lab dish.

The offspring were healthy and fertile, according to a paper published online Thursday in the scientific journal Cell.

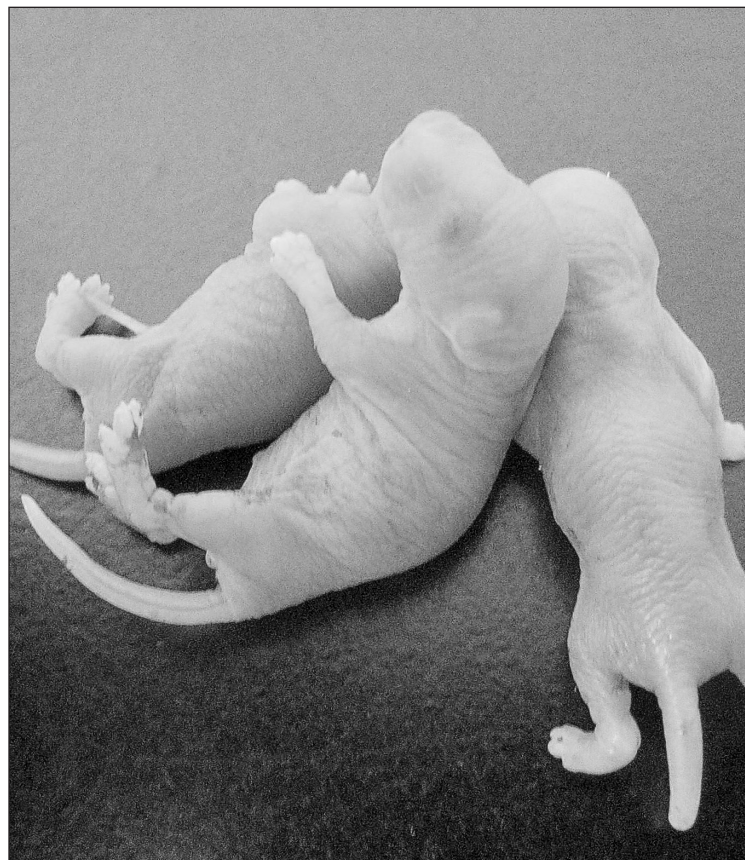
Members of the research team, led by Mitinori Saitou, said they believe their success may help in the development of infertility treatments in humans, although they said many hurdles remain.

"We have high hopes, but it's not that easy," Saitou told the Associated Press by telephone Friday from Kyoto, in western Japan.

"There are many difficult issues ahead in applying this to humans.

But it is a first step."

Experts outside the group say it's an important first step toward infertility treatment although there would



In this photo released by Kyoto University Prof. Mitinori Saitou, baby mice born with viable sperm created from stem cells of mice are shown shortly after their birth at a laboratory of the university in Kyoto, western Japan. Kyoto University researchers, led by Saitou, managed to induce mice stem cells into creating sperm precursors which were transplanted into infertile male mice. The mice then produced sperm that was successfully used to fertilize eggs in vitro. The offspring were healthy and fertile.

(AP Photo/Kyoto University, Mitinori Saitou)

be a long way.

"This is a very good experiment for thinking about treatment of infertile man but a very very long way," said Toshio Suda, developmental biology professor at Keio University.

He said the Kyoto team's

findings were great work but it is not easy to prepare the mature sperm cells at present.

If some hurdles are cleared, it could successfully identify "which gene is very important to prepare the sperm." □

## US groups object to birth control cover

**R. ZALDIVAR**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — They defied the bishops to support President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. Now Catholic hospitals are dismayed the law may force them to cover birth control free of charge to their employees.

A provision in the law expanded preventive health-care benefits for women, and the administration said last week that must include birth control with no co-pays. The Catholic Health Association says a proposed conscience exemption is so narrowly written it would apply only to houses of worship. Some other religious-based organizations agree. "I call this the parish housekeeper exemption — that's about all it covers," said Sister Carol Keehan, president of the 600-member umbrella group for Catholic hospitals.

"What we are trying to do is make workable the conscience protection the administration says it is willing to give."

Most Catholic hospitals do not cover birth control for their employees, Keehan said, but in some cases they are required to by state law.

Doctors caring for patients at the hospitals are not restricted from prescribing



**Sr. Carol Keehan, president of the Catholic Health Association of the United States, the 600-member umbrella group for Catholic hospitals.**

(AP Photo)

birth control.

The Health and Human Services Department is asking for public comment on its proposed conscience clause before making a final decision, expected later this year.

Polls show that Americans overwhelmingly support greater access to birth control, which medical experts say promotes well-being by allowing women to adequately space their pregnancies.

Women's rights groups are opposed to any conscience exemption, pointing out that it's not specifically authorized by the health care law.

"All women do use contraception at some point in their lives, and we think it should be available to them as a preventive health service," said Judy Waxman, vice president for health and reproductive rights at the National Women's Law Center.

That includes women who work for Catholic hospitals and for the church itself, Waxman added. □

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# Your smartphone: a new frontier for hackers

By JORDAN ROBERTSON

AP Technology Writer

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Hackers are out to stymie your smartphone.

Last week, security researchers uncovered yet another strain of malicious software aimed at smartphones that run Google's popular Android operating system. The application not only logs details about incoming and outgoing phone calls, it also records those calls.

That came a month after researchers discovered a security hole in Apple Inc.'s iPhones, which prompted the German government to warn Apple about the urgency of the threat.

Security experts say attacks on smartphones are growing fast — and attackers are becoming smarter about developing new techniques.

"We're in the experimental stage of mobile malware where the bad guys are starting to develop their business models," said Kevin Mahaffey, co-founder of Lookout Inc., a San Francisco-based maker of mobile security software.

Wrong-doers have infected PCs with malicious software, or malware, for decades. Now, they are fast moving to smartphones as the devices become a vital part of everyday life.

Some 38 percent of American adults now own an iPhone, BlackBerry or other mobile phone that runs the Android, Windows or WebOS operating systems, according to data from Nielsen. That's up from just 6 percent who owned a smartphone in 2007 when the iPhone was released and catalyzed the industry. The smartphone's usefulness, allowing people to organize their digital lives with one device, is also its allure to criminals. All at once, smartphones have become wallets, email lockboxes, photo albums and Rolodexes. And because owners are directly billed for services bought with smartphones, they open up new angles for financial attacks. The worst programs cause a phone to rack up

unwanted service charges, record calls, intercept text messages and even dump emails, photos and other private content directly onto criminals' servers.

Evidence of this hacker invasion is starting to emerge. — Lookout says it now detects thousands of attempted infections each day on mobile phones running its security software. In January, there were just a few hundred detections a day. The number of detections is nearly doubling every few months. As many as 1 million people were hit by mobile malware in the first half of 2011.

— Google Inc. has removed about 100 malicious applications from its Android Market app store. One particularly harmful app was downloaded more than 260,000 times before it was removed. Android is the world's most popular smartphone operating software with more than 135 million users worldwide.

— Symantec Corp., the world's biggest security software maker, is also seeing a jump. Last year, the company identified just five examples of malware unique to Android. So far this year, it's seen 19. Of course, that number pales compared with the hundreds of thousands of new strains targeting PCs every year, but experts say it's only a matter of time before criminals catch up.

"Bad guys go where the money is," said Charlie Miller, principal research consultant with the Accuvant Inc. security firm, and a prominent hacker of mobile devices. "As more and more people use phones and keep data on phones, and PCs aren't as relevant, the bad guys are going to follow that. The bad guys are smart. They know when it makes sense to switch."

When it comes to security, smartphones share a problem with PCs: Infections are typically the responsibility of the user to fix, if the problem is discovered at all.

The emergence in early July of a previously unknown security hole in Apple Inc.'s iPhones and iPads



In this Jan. 5, 2011 file photo, a person operates their iPhone in New York. Security experts say attacks on smartphones are growing fast — and attackers are becoming smarter about developing new techniques.

Associated Press

cast a spotlight on mobile security. Users downloaded a program that allowed them to run unauthorized programs on their devices. But the program could also be used to help criminals co-opt iPhones. Apple has since issued a fix.

It was the second time this year that the iPhone's security was called into question. In April the company changed its handling of location data after a privacy outcry that landed an executive in front of Congress. Researchers had discovered that iPhones stored the data for a year or more in unencrypted form, making them vulnerable to hacking. Apple CEO Steve Jobs emerged from medical leave to personally address the issue.

The iPhone gets outsize attention because it basically invented the consumer smartphone industry when it was introduced in 2007. But Apple doesn't license its software to other phone manufacturers. Google gives Android to phone makers for free. So, Android phones are growing faster. As a result, Google's Android Market is a crucial pathway for hacking attacks. The app store is a lightly curated online bazaar for applications that, unlike Apple's App Store, doesn't require that developers submit their programs

for pre-approval.

Lookout says it has seen more unique strains of Android malware in the past month than it did in all of last year.

One strain seen earlier this year, called DroidDream, was downloaded more than 260,000 times before Google removed it, though additional variants keep appearing.

Lookout says about 100 apps have been removed from the Android Market so far, a figure Google didn't dispute.

Malicious applications often masquerade as legitimate ones, such as games, calculators or pornographic photos and videos. They can appear in advertising links inside other applications. Their moneymaking schemes include new approaches that are impossible on PCs.

One recent malicious app secretly subscribed victims up to a service that sends quizzes via text message. The pay service was charged to the victims' phone bills, which is presumably how the criminals got paid. They may have created the service or been hired by the creator to sign people up. Since malware can intercept text messages, it's likely the victims never saw the messages — just the charges.

A different piece of mal-

ware logs a person's incoming text messages and replies to them with spam and malicious links. Most mobile malware, however, keep their intentions hidden. Some apps set up a connection between the phone and a server under a criminal's control, which is used to send instructions. Google points out that Android security features are designed to limit the interaction between applications and a user's data, and developers can be blocked. Users also are guilty of blithely click through warnings about what personal information an application will access. Malicious programs for the iPhone have been rare. In large part, that's because Apple requires that it examine each application before it goes online. Still, the recent security incidents underline the threat even to the most seemingly secure devices.

A pair of computer worms targeting the iPhone appeared in 2009. Both affected only iPhones that were modified, or "jailbroken," to run unauthorized programs. And Apple has dealt with legitimate applications that overreached and collected more personal data than they should have, which led to the Cupertino, Calif.-based company demanding changes. □



# Economy, not debt rating, will send markets lower

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. investors will have their first chance Monday to react to Standard & Poor's decision to strip the U.S. government of its top credit rating. But the bigger issues facing Wall Street and stock markets worldwide remain debt-ridden countries in Europe and concerns that the global economy is weakening. Friday's first-ever downgrade of U.S. long-term debt from AAA to AA+ wasn't unexpected and may have little impact on interest rates. But it's the kind of news that stock markets don't need when investors are already nervous.

Even before the downgrade, the Dow Jones industrial average last week fell nearly 700 points, or 6 percent. Investors were worried because economic signals in the U.S. and overseas were pointing toward trouble:

—On July 29, the government dramatically lowered its estimate of how much the economy grew during the first quarter. It had said the economy grew at an annual rate of 1.3 percent, but revised that number down to 0.4 percent. Second-quarter growth was also weak, a 1.3 percent rate.

—European officials are trying to help Italy — the world's eighth-largest

economy — avoid the kind of bailouts that Greece, Portugal and Spain were forced to accept to prevent them from defaulting on their debt. And those bailouts haven't solved all the problems in those countries.

—The first reports on the economy during the third quarter have been mixed. Manufacturing, which helped pull the economy out of the recession, fell to its weakest level since July 2009 — the month after the recession officially ended. The Labor Department said 117,000 jobs were created last month. But that came after 99,000 jobs were created in May and June combined — and 250,000 new jobs are needed each month to reduce unemployment.

As a result, financial analysts interviewed Sunday said they expect markets to be volatile this week — and beyond.

"We are in uncharted territory and, therefore, should all brace for volatility over a number of days if not weeks," said Mohamed El-Erian, CEO and co-chief investment officer of the bond mutual fund company PIMCO.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said he expected the downgrade to cause a sell-off Monday. "There's a lot of fear and misunderstanding and confusion, and that all could come out in the



In this Aug. 5, 2011, file photo a pedestrian walks past the New York Stock Exchange on early in New York, a day stocks around the world tumbled ahead of crucial U.S. jobs figures. Associated Press

stock and bond markets. I don't think it takes much to unnerve investors given the current environment. I think anything could drive investors to sell given how fragile sentiment is," he said.

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday, expects the selling to last for some time. "It is very unlikely that (this) isn't going to take a while to bottom out," he said.

The reason: "It depends on Europe, not the United States," Greenspan said. "The United States was actually doing relatively well, sluggish but going

forward until Italy ran into trouble." He said that half of U.S. corporations operate in Europe, and that the region "has been a very important driving force in the overall earnings of U.S. corporations." The Dow fell 513 points on Thursday alone after concerns about Italy's problems were compounded by anxiety ahead of Friday's jobs report from the Labor Department. That report came in better than expected; the economy got 117,000 new jobs in July. But it wasn't enough to calm investors. The Dow has fallen nearly 10 percent in two weeks — a period that included the budget

debate that averted a default on U.S. debt.

Greenspan noted that S&P had "hit a nerve" with its downgrade. The ratings agency said it was lowering the U.S. rating not just because of the country's debt load, but because S&P doesn't believe Congress has the ability to resolve the country's debt problems. And it warned that another downgrade could be forthcoming.

On Saturday, David Beers, S&P's global head of sovereign ratings, said his agency was concerned about "the degree of uncertainty about the political policy process" in Washington. □

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# Asian stock markets fall after U.S. credit downgrade

**BANGKOK (AP)** — Asian stocks fell Monday after the historic downgrade of the U.S. credit rating but losses were contained amid a promise by Group of Seven industrial nations to take all necessary measures to support financial stability.

Oil prices extended recent sharp losses, trading below \$85 a barrel on expectations that slowing global economic growth will crimp demand for crude. Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average was down 1.3 percent at 9,178.30 and Seoul's Kospi dropped 1.6 percent to 1,913.58.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng tumbled 2.6 percent to 20,409.01 while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 pared its initial sell-off to be down 1 percent at 4,062.70.

Futures pointed to losses on Wall Street when it opens Monday. Dow futures were



**A monitor displays the Dow Jones Industrial Average on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Friday, Aug. 5, 2011 in New York. A government report that hiring improved in July sent stocks sharply higher just after the market opened. The rally lasted less than a half-hour. Many economists still fear that the economy might dip back into recession.**

off 225 points, or 2 percent, at 11,177 and broader S&P 500 futures shed 23.6, or 2 percent, to 1,174.20. Standard & Poor's downgrade of the U.S. sover-

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eign credit rating to AA+ from the top-notch AAA — announced late Friday — is another blow to confidence in the struggling U.S. economy, analysts said.

Worries that the U.S. economy, the world's biggest, is heading back into recession have been compounded by signs that Europe's government debt crisis is threatening to engulf bigger economies such as Italy and Spain.

"The loss of AAA status will plainly add some salt to the wounds of weak sentiment" in stock markets but concern is likely to quickly return to the prospects for U.S. and global economic growth, DBS Bank Ltd. in Singapore said in a report.

"Investors are far more concerned about the weak economy than what the S&P has to say about US politicians and their inability to wrap a plan around the deficit," the DBS analysts said.

A flurry of weekend activity by global finance officials

gave rise to hopes of coordinated action to prevent a market meltdown.

The G-7 industrial countries issued a joint statement late Sunday pledging increased cooperation to attack economic problems and saying they were committed to taking all necessary measures to support financial stability and growth.

The G-7 statement came after the group held an emergency conference call to discuss the debt crisis in Europe and market prospects following the announcement of the first-ever downgrade of the credit rating of the U.S. government. The European Central Bank, meanwhile, said it will "actively implement" a bond-purchase program that could boost Spanish and Italian bonds and drive down interest yields that threaten those countries with financial disaster.

The burst of activity underscored how government debt levels in Europe and the U.S. have unsettled financial markets — and sharpened fears that debt troubles could derail the global recovery from the 2007-2009 financial crisis.

Elsewhere in Asia, Taiwan's benchmark index slipped 1.6 percent and New Zealand's market dropped 2.2 percent.

Singapore's key index retreated 1.8 percent.

The Dow fell 5.8 percent last week amid dour U.S. economic news. It plunged 513 points on Thursday alone, the worst day for the Dow since the global financial crisis erupted in 2008.

Benchmark oil for September delivery was down \$2.55 to \$84.33 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. □

## As markets roil, investors should think long term

**NEW YORK (AP)** -- Investors should think twice before making any rash moves Monday.

Many market analysts expect stocks to fall sharply because of anxiety about the downgrade of the U.S. credit rating, the debt crisis in Europe and last week's stock market plunge. The temptation to bolt from any hint of risk is understandable. And right now, stocks look risky. Financial planners say people who stick with their investment strategy will likely see their portfolios recover in the long run.

"The whole reason for having an investment plan is to make it easier to know what to do in times like these," notes David Yeske, managing director of Yeske Buie, an investment firm based in San Francisco. Still, that can be difficult to remember when faced with a seemingly endless stream of grim news. Standard & Poor's downgraded the country's top AAA credit rating for the first time in history on Friday. The ratings agency lowered the rating one

notch to AA+. It said political fighting in Washington raised concerns about the government's ability to solve its budget and deficit problems. Just a day earlier, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 513 points, its biggest drop since the 2008 financial meltdown. The plunge contributed to a nearly 10 percent slide in the Dow over the past two weeks. One reason for the drop: Italy looks like it could be the next European country to need a bailout. And that raised concerns about the health of the global economy. The swoon in stocks likely knocked many portfolios out of balance. For example, younger professionals might have built a portfolio so it would be 70 percent in stocks. But that share has probably fallen as the market did. These investors should consider shifting more money into stocks to get back into balance, financial planners say.

The prospect of buying stocks, even at cheaper prices, is daunting. The more natural instinct when

the market is undergoing turmoil is to sell. "But if you sell now out of fear that the markets won't recover, you'll be selling low and losing money," notes Ric Edelman, CEO of Edelman Financial, based in Fairfax, Va. "Investors who are fair-weather friends are the ones who lose the most money. Profits are earned when the market is declining." The past few weeks underscore the importance of rebalancing regularly and frequently, especially as you get closer to the time when you'll need your money. Experts say those nearing or already at retirement age shouldn't have been heavily invested in stocks, and so the recent selloff shouldn't have had a significant event. If the thought of buying stocks in this climate is unnerving, keep in mind that the majority of portfolio changes the past two years have gone in the other direction -- in other words, portfolios have become stock-heavy because the market has soared. □

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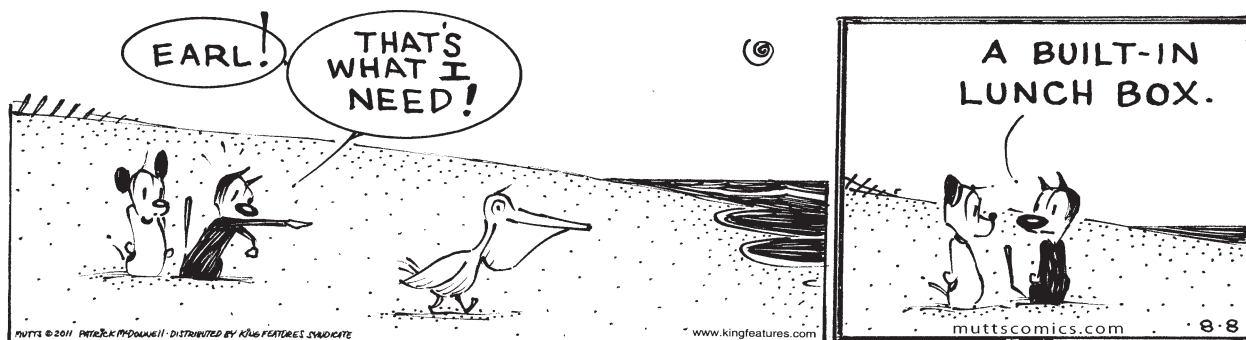


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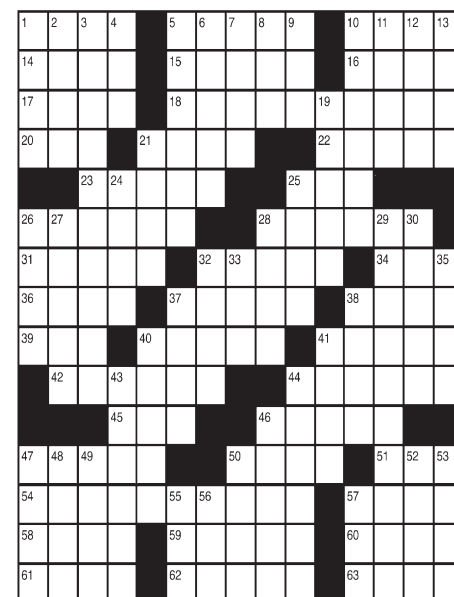
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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- One defeated
- Noiseless
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- \_\_ with; help to get to know again
- Conclusion
- Canyon sounds

- Chanticleer's perch
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- Poodle or pug
- Prior to
- Dwells gloomily upon a subject
- Can tops
- On \_\_; nervous
- Bambi, for one
- Unadorned
- Classic gifts for Father's Day
- Annapolis acad.
- Wordsworth or Longfellow
- United \_\_ Emirates; UAE
- Exodus leader
- Nuisance
- Wipe out
- Female relative
- Campus area
- Espresso holder
- \_\_-do-well; bum
- Breeze
- Big smile
- Canter and trot
- Pig's curly part
- Running toward the finish line
- Garden tender, at times
- Napped leather
- Historical ages
- \_\_, fa, so...
- Actor Richard
- Boring situation
- Come \_\_; find
- Long look
- Golf ball holder
- Zsa Zsa's sister
- Golf hole norm



## 'Shelebration!'



Laurie Anderson performs in "Shelebration!," a tribute to Shel Silverstein at SummerStage in Central Park, in New York, Aug. 6, 2011. The concert pulled together some of the strands of the songwriter-author-illustrator's diverse career.

(Karsten Moran/The New York Times)

### JON PARELES

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Dan Zanes started "Shelebration!," a concert tribute to Shel Silverstein on Saturday night at SummerStage, with "You're Always Welcome at Our House." It's a smiley, bouncy song that could be a children's ditty except that it's about serial murder, with a new victim in each verse. It was a canny choice that pulled together some of the many strands of Silverstein's career.

Silverstein (1932-1999) had a multifarious resume. He was a prolific songwriter, children's book author (including "The Giving Tree"), cartoonist (for Playboy magazine), essayist, poet, novelist and playwright. He wrote hits including "A Boy Named Sue" for Johnny Cash, "One's on the Way" for Loretta Lynn and "The Cover of the Rolling Stone" for Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show.

He could be avuncular, raunchy, kind or macabre. Whether writing for children or adults, he harnessed elegantly rhymed light verse to a gift for tall tales and fables and a fondness for twist endings and ever-expanding lists. He was in the line of versifiers like Ernest Thayer ("Casey at the Bat") and Rudyard Kipling, filtered through Dr. Seuss and the beatnik and hippie eras, with some country sentiment added. □

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# Colors bring optimism to Copenhagen Fashion Week

**COPENHAGEN** - Pastel shades and cautious optimism stalked the catwalks at the Copenhagen Fashion Week that ended here Sunday.

As designers showcased collections for spring and summer 2012, industry professionals hoped consumer spending would pick up and propel growth in the fashion sector, which has been buffeted by recession.

"I think Danish and Scandinavian fashion has potential in a market with an economy like this," said Eva Kruse, CEO of Copenhagen Fashion Week (CFW) and Director of the Danish Fashion Institute.

"That is because the prices are fairly low. You get a lot of brand value and original design for your money when buying Danish brands," she told Xinhua.

Indeed, while avant-garde styles were displayed at CFW, many of the collections reflected the sharp, simple, value-for-money fashion that Nordic design is associated with.

In all, the week featured 39 runway shows, including nine designers exhibiting collections for the first time. According to Kruse, the large number of newcomers sends a signal that, "designers are taking up the challenge of meeting the market" and are reflecting the optimism of an industry that is recovering after being buffeted by the 2008 global financial crisis.

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Among other typical offerings, flat pastels of pistachio, peach and beige marked the oversize jackets, tight shorts and trousers presented by designer Veronica B. Vallenens.

The trend continued in Trine Wackerhaus's show which unveiled grey-tone cocktail dresses, flamingo-printed jumpsuits and more pastels in yellow, blue and pink.

According to Iben Albinus Sabroe, Editor-in-Chief of Dansk Daily, the official CFW newspaper, the creations shown during the week add up to a "new sort of glamorous minimalism". □



Models wear creations By Malene Birger, for the presentation of the spring/summer 2012 collection, during Copenhagen Fashion Week, in a hall in the former Carlsberg brewery in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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# Big Boi arrested on drug charges

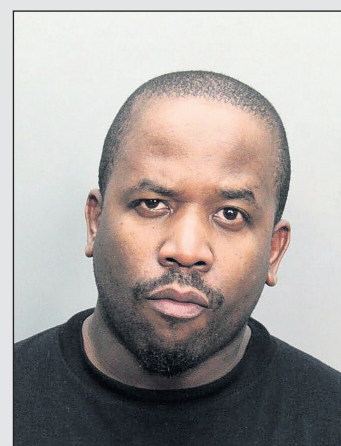
**MIAMI (AP)** — Grammy-winning OutKast rapper Big Boi has been arrested in Miami on charges of illegally possessing drugs, including ecstasy and Viagra pills.

The rapper, whose real name is Antwan Patton, was charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia on Sunday. According to the Miami-Dade County Corrections website, the 36-year-old Patton was also carrying MDMA, which is the main ingredient in Ecstasy.

The rapper was booked on \$16,000 bond.

Phone and email messages were left for Big Boi's publicists.

Big Boi is best known as half of the groundbreaking rap duo OutKast, which includes Andre 3000. The Atlanta-based group won six Grammys and churned out six platinum-plus albums, including their "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," which sold over 10 million copies. □



This image provided by the Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation Department shows Antwan Patton, also known as Big Boi of the rap group Outkast, arrested on alleged drug possession charges, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.

(AP Photo)



Felicity Huffman, Eva Longoria, Teri Hatcher and Marcia Cross toasting one another in a scene from ABC's "Desperate Housewives." According to a person familiar with ABC's plans for the drama, next season will be its last. nd producers hadn't authorized public comment.

(AP Photo/ABC, Peter Stone)

## It's official:

# 'Housewives' finally facing final season !

**BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)** — "The only harder thing than creating a hit show is knowing when to end it," said Marc Cherry as he looked ahead to the final year of "Desperate Housewives." As ABC made official that the hit series would end after its upcoming eighth season, its creator, Cherry, joined ABC Entertainment President Paul Lee to insist the decision had been made jointly. "I'm very aware that some shows overstay their welcome and I didn't want that to happen with 'Desperate Housewives,'" Cherry told reporters during a Sunday session of the Television Critics Association conference. □



# We still Love Lucy, who would be 100 on Saturday

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — We loved Lucy and we still do. On the 100th anniversary of her birth Saturday and 60 years since "I Love Lucy" first aired, Lucille Ball's legacy remains remarkable — and her talent remarkably fresh and watchable.

Consider other popular sitcoms that aired alongside Ball and Desi Arnaz's show during its 1951-to-1957 life span on CBS. "The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet" and "Father Knows Best," among others, are period Americana that evoke sweet nostalgia far more than laughs.

But "I Love Lucy," in all its black-and-white glory, remains a draw worldwide for viewers who certainly weren't around for its debut. Over the past five decades the sitcom has won new audiences — and introduced Lucy to younger generations — over and over through TV syndication and video sales.

Lucie Arnaz, Ball's daughter, was asked by a Chinese interviewer to explain why her mother and the show are so popular in China. It's a "phenomenon," Arnaz offers.

"I think of her as mom most of the time. Then I switch ... and try to see her as the rest of the world does. It's almost too big," Arnaz said Friday.

Who could have predicted that the most timeless and international of all TV talents would be a fortysomething woman who, taking the structured role of a homemaker in mid-century New York City, stretched into it the stuff of classic comedy?

Picture this: Lucy swigging down awful Vitameatavegamine, with a grimace and a wannabe-pitchman's smile fighting for custody of her face before the boozy patent medicine begins to take control of her. Can you recall the scene, let alone watch it, and not get at least a small jolt of pleasure, even if it's the umpteenth time?

Or consider Lucy vs. the industrial revolution, as a conveyor belt outpaces

her candy-processing skills and desperation and poor judgment join ranks.

"All right, girls, now this is your last chance. If one piece of candy gets past you and into the packing room unwrapped, you're fired," the plant supervisor

timing and how to move, and fall.)

Her big-eyed, full-lipped look didn't start as comic fodder. She was a model, a movie starlet in the early 1930s and then an actress with minor roles in a handful of good films

multiple-camera "Two and a Half Men" has reigned as the top-rated sitcom in recent years and more new comedies are embracing the convention.

Creating a quality film record of the episodes — at a time most shows aired live



**In this photo taken by AP Images for CBS DVD, Lucie Arnaz is seen at the "Lucille Ball At 100 & 'I Love Lucy' At 60" opening gala, in the room where Lucille Ball first dyed her hair red, at The Hollywood Museum in Los Angeles. The event also celebrates the recently released "Best of I Love Lucy" DVD collection from CBS Home Entertainment and Paramount Home Entertainment.**

(Casey Rodgers/AP Images for CBS DVD)

barks at Lucy and partner-in-crime Ethel Mertz (Vivian Vance).

That's the setup. The delivery, in the most rewarding Ball fashion, is mostly wordless.

As the belt speeds up and chocolates slip by en masse, Lucy and Ethel try stuffing the evidence in their mouths. Down their dresses. In their handbags. Lucy, eyes wide and lips puckered, looks as guilty as a kid cheating big-time in class.

Another winner: the Italian grape-stomping scene, which turns an oversized barrel of fruit into an arena with Lucy the poseur versus a diligent worker. Lucy turns their task into a pas de deux that goes from a square dance to a grape-flinging battle.

Dialogue? Forget about it. No need, given Lucy's adroit physicality and gleeful mugging, all dignity and beauty be damned. (She credited masterful Buster Keaton for teaching her

("Stage Door") and bigger roles in many more forgettable ones ("Dance, Girl, Dance").

Then came television, which made Lucille Ball. In return, she and Arnaz, her husband, partner and co-star, made TV comedy what it is to this day.

First, they pushed the narrow-minded TV industry beyond its comfort zone, proving that audiences would accept a blue-eyed redhead married to a Cuban-born band leader with a heavy accent. ("Lucy, you got some 'splainin' to do!")

Ball and Arnaz pioneered the three-camera sitcom with "I Love Lucy," which was filmed like a stage play. Using multiple cameras eliminated the need to interrupt scenes to shoot from different angles and allowed actors to play to a studio audience.

Although "The Office," "30 Rock" and other comedies have popularized the single-camera format,

and unpreserved — paid a huge dividend, making "I Love Lucy" episodes resalable as reruns and their production house, Desilu, the first studio to profit from program syndication.

Desilu became a powerful force in early television. Besides "I Love Lucy," it turned out some of the top comedy shows of the 1950s and 1960s, including "December Bride," "Our Miss Brooks" and "Make Room for Daddy." After Ball and Arnaz divorced in 1960, he sold her his share in the company for \$3 million. With a shrewd business sense, she built it into a major TV production company and in 1967 sold it to Gulf & Western Industries Inc. for \$17 million.

Fanboys and girls, note: At Ball's insistence, the studio produced the original "Star Trek" series and landed it on NBC. Ball was known as a modest luminary, invariably sharing credit and especially when "I Love Lucy" drew praise. □

## 'Twilight' set to eclipse TCA

DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — "The Twilight Saga" is once again expected to claw the competition at the Teen Choice Awards.

The third installment of the supernatural saga is leading the pack of wannabe winners at Sunday's fan-favorite ceremony in Los Angeles, with 12 nominations in such categories as choice movie liplock and villain.

The "Twilight" film franchise



**Actress and singer Selena Gomez attends the premiere of "Monte Carlo" in New York. "The Twilight Saga," Taylor Swift and Selena Gomez are expected to sail away with a few surfboard-shaped trophies at Sunday's Teen Choice Awards. The vampire saga and pop princesses are among the leading nominees at the fan-favorite ceremony. Gomez is set to perform, while Swift will receive the ultimate choice award for her contributions to the entertainment industry.**

(AP Photo/Evan Agostini, File)

starring Robert Pattinson, Kristin Stewart and Taylor Lautner has dominated the Teen Choice Awards since the first "Twilight" flick debuted in 2008.

Pattinson, Lautner, Kellan Lutz, Nikki Reed and Ashley Greene are among the series' stars scheduled to appear Sunday. If history is any indication, "The Twilight Saga" cast will make several trips to the podium to accept surfboard-shaped trophies at the over-the-top ceremony.

Last year, "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" collected the most honors with 12 wins. □



# The downgrade blues



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**WASHINGTON** — Barack Obama must wonder sometimes if his luck has run out. Maybe he used it all up in 2008. "Yes, we can!" has devolved into "Hey, we might." "When I said, 'Change we can believe in,' I didn't say, 'Change we can believe in tomorrow,'" he told an audience at a Chicago fundraiser on Wednesday. "Not, 'Change we can believe in next week.' We knew this was going to take time, because we've got this big, messy, tough democracy." True enough, but not FDR-inspiring to a deflated and desperate nation that may face higher borrowing rates after the shock of the first credit downgrade in U.S. history. Barack Obama blazed like Luke Skywalker in 2008, but he never learned to channel the Force. And now the Tea Party has run off with his light saber.

The dissonance of his promise and his reality is jarring.

When he had power, he didn't use it. He wanted to be a "transformational" president like Ronald Reagan, but failed to understand that Reagan's strategic shows of strength allowed him to keep the whip hand without raising his voice. And now, just when the high school principal in the Oval has been browbeating Congress to help create jobs, he is once more distracted from that task as he tries to save his own.

He goes to fundraisers to tell people to stick with him, but he seems to be trying to reassure himself.

"I have to admit," the president said in Chicago, "I didn't know how steep the climb was going to be." At the large fundraiser in his hometown, he tried to reassure disillusioned liberals about "unfinished business" to help those in need. Later, at a smaller \$35,800-a-head dinner, he defended the unpopular debt package like a proud fiscal conservative.

The president talks fondly of George Bush the elder, just as Bush the elder does of him. Obama thinks Bush is a poignant figure because he did the right thing, breaking his tax pledge to fix the deficit, even though he got punished for it with one term. It is clear that the once cocky Obama is feeling that same poignancy about his own presidency. Left in a giant pickle by the hot-dogging Bush the younger, the president who gloriously made history is now stuck in Sisyphus mode. He thinks

he's doing the right things to crawl out of W.'s mudslide, but he ends up being castigated by the right as a socialist, by the left as a conservative, and by the middle as wobbly.

The one clear-cut, chesty victory that Obama has had may have come too late for beleaguered Americans to much care.

When the president is asked what it felt like to kill Osama, he's low-key and modest, even though he personally refocused the mission to capture the 9/11 architect after W. dropped the ball.

He has told people what a thrill it was to meet SEAL Team 6 — and the dog Cairo — which pulled off the hit, noting that the men looked less young and fearsome than he expected, and more like guys working at Home Depot. But while Obama takes the high road, his aides have made sure there are proxies to exuberantly brag on him.

The White House clearly blessed the dramatic reconstruction of the mission by Nicholas Schmidle in *The New Yorker* — so vividly descriptive of the SEALs' looks, quotes and thoughts that Schmidle had to clarify after the piece was published that he had not actually talked to any of them.

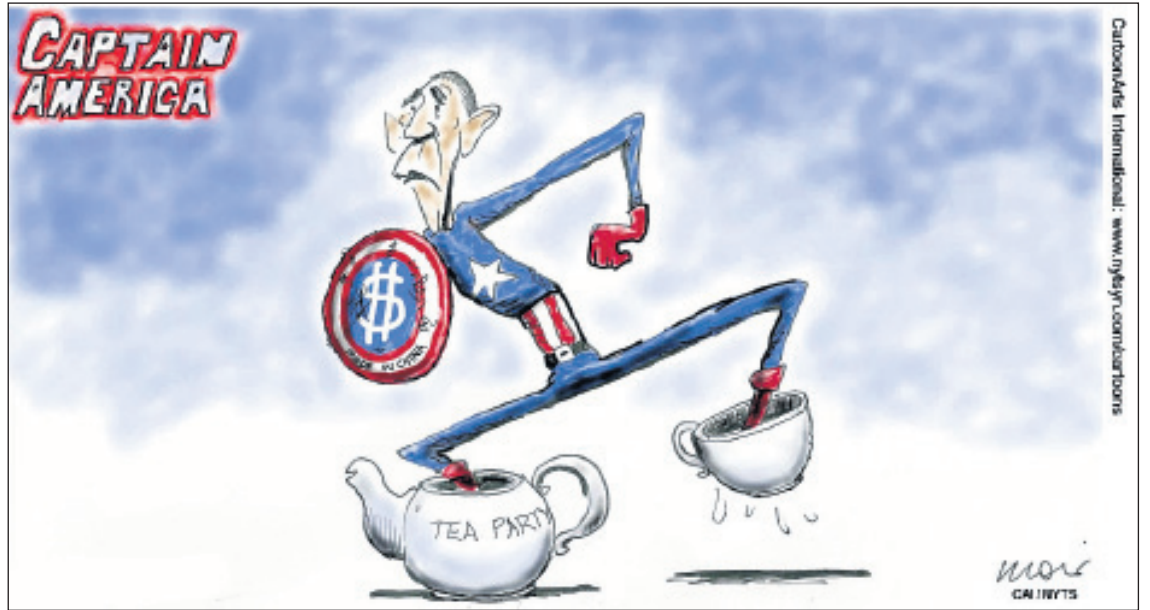
"I'll just say that the 23 SEALs on the mission that evening were not the only ones who were listening to their radio communications," Schmidle said, answering readers' questions in a live chat, after taking flak for leaving some with the impression that he had interviewed the heroes when he wrote in his account that it was based on "some of their recollections."

The White House is also counting on the Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal big-screen version of the killing of bin Laden to counter Obama's growing reputation as ineffectual. The Sony film by the Oscar-winning pair who made "The Hurt Locker" will no doubt reflect the president's cool, gutsy decision against shaky odds. Just as Obamaland was hoping, the movie is scheduled to open on Oct. 12, 2012 — perfectly timed to give a home-stretch boost to a campaign that has grown tougher.

The moviemakers are getting top-level access to the most classified mission in history from an administration that has tried to throw more people in jail for leaking classified information than the Bush administration.

It was clear that the White House had outsourced the job of manning up the president's image to Hollywood when Boal got welcomed to the upper echelons of the White House and the Pentagon and showed up recently — to the surprise of some military officers — at a CIA ceremony celebrating the hero SEALs.

Just like W., Obama is going for that "Mission Accomplished" glow (without the suggestive harness). At least in this president's case, though, something has been accomplished. □



## Win together or lose together



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In the wake of the hugely disappointing budget deal and the S&P's debt downgrade, maybe we need to hang a new sign in the immigration arrival halls at all U.S. ports and airports. It could simply read: "Welcome."

You are entering the United States of America. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future returns."

Because our country is now finding itself in the worst kind of decline — a slow decline, just slow enough for us to keep deluding ourselves that nothing really fundamental needs to change if our future is to match our past.

Our slow decline is a product of two inter-related problems.

First, we've let our five basic pillars of growth erode since the end of the Cold War — education, infrastructure, immigration of high-IQ innovators and entrepreneurs, rules to incentivize risk-taking and startups, and government-funded research to spur science and technology.

We mistakenly treated the end of the Cold War as a victory that allowed us to put our feet up — when it was actually the onset of one of the greatest challenges we've ever faced.

We helped to unleash 2 billion people just like us — in China, India and Eastern Europe.

For us to effectively compete and collaborate with them — to maintain the American dream — required studying harder, investing wiser, innovating faster, upgrading our infrastructure quicker and

working smarter.

Instead of doing that at the scale we needed — that is, building muscle — we injected ourselves with massive amounts of credit steroids (just like our baseball players).

This enabled millions of people to buy homes they could not afford and to fill jobs in construction and retail that did not require that much education.

Our European friends went on a similar binge.

All this debt blew up in 2008 in the United States and Europe, and that led to the second problem: Homeowners, firms, banks and governments are all now "deleveraging" or trying to — meaning that they are saving more, shopping less, paying off debts and trying to dig out from mortgages that are under water.

No one better explains the implications of this than Kenneth Rogoff, a professor of economics at Harvard, who argued in an essay last week for Project Syndicate that we are not in a Great Recession but in a Great (Credit) Contraction: "Why is everyone still referring to the recent financial crisis as the 'Great Recession?'" asked Rogoff. "The phrase 'Great Recession' creates the impression that the economy is following the contours of a typical recession, only more severe — something like a really bad cold. ...

But the real problem is that the global economy is badly overleveraged, and there is no quick escape without a scheme to transfer wealth from creditors to debtors, either through defaults, financial repression, or inflation. ...

"In a conventional recession," Rogoff noted, "the resumption of growth implies a reasonably brisk return to normalcy."

The economy not only regains its lost ground, but, within a year, it typically catches up to its rising long-run trend.

The aftermath of a typical deep financial crisis is something completely different. ... It typically takes an economy more than four years just to reach the same per capita income level that it had attained at its pre-crisis peak. ...

Many commentators have argued that fiscal stimulus has

largely failed not because it was misguided, but because it was not large enough to fight a 'Great Recession.'

But, in a 'Great Contraction,' problem No. 1 is too much debt." Until we find ways to restructure and forgive some of these debts from consumers, firms, banks and governments, spending to drive growth is not going to come back at the scale we need.

Our challenge now, therefore, is to deleverage the economy as fast as possible, while, at the same time, getting back to investing as much as possible in our real pillars of growth so our recovery is built on sustainable businesses and real jobs and not just on another round of credit injections.

Regarding deleveraging, Rogoff suggests, for example, that the government facilitate the writing down of mortgages in exchange for a share of any future home-price appreciation.

Regarding growth, we surely need a much smarter long-term fiscal plan than the one that just came out of Washington.

We need to cut spending in areas and on a time schedule that will hurt the least; we need to raise taxes in ways that will hurt the least (now is the perfect time for a gasoline tax rather than payroll taxes); and we need to use some of these revenues to invest in the pillars of our growth, with special emphasis on infrastructure, research and incentives for risk-taking and startups.

We need to offer every possible incentive to get Americans to start new businesses to grow out of this hole.

If juggling all these needs at once sounds hard and complicated, it is.

There is no easy, one-policy fix. We need to help people deleverage, cut some spending, raise some revenues and reinvest in our growth engines — as an integrated strategy for national renewal. Something this big and complex cannot be accomplished by one party alone.

It will require the kind of collective action usually reserved for national emergencies. The sooner we pull together the better. □



# 'Rent' is to open off-Broadway

**PATRICK HEALY**

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**NEW YORK** — Gone is the two-tone scarf, the crew-neck sweater, the eyeglasses: the signature costume for Mark Cohen, a lead character in the musical "Rent." During the show's 12 years on Broad-

backers forthrightly acknowledged that their main motives for reviving "Rent" so soon were profit and their own sentimentality.

"Theater is a business and we do it to make money, and I'm a producer and I have to make a living, and

be a show that was always in New York for people to see."

"Rent," already a reconstruction of Puccini's opera "La Boheme," about friends and lovers grappling with art, AIDS and life in the East Village, was a critical and commercial

ans, for whatever reason, were "strangely chillier" to the show, said Allan S. Gordon, another lead producer of the show then and now.

The producers ended the Broadway run in 2008 when weekly operating costs — about \$350,000 — were exceeding weekly revenues, Seller said. The show had been profitable for years, but Seller said that the producers neither wanted to eat into those profits to keep the show going nor to subject the cast to the depressing experience of performing in half-empty theaters.

Fittingly, perhaps, given the show's title, the sharpest difference between the latest off-Broadway production and the one on Broadway is money. The new off-Broadway production cost \$1.5 million to mount compared with \$3.5 million for the Broadway production in 1996. The weekly running costs of "Rent" in its current 499-seat theater at New World Stages are \$115,000, or about one-third of the nut on Broadway. The potential gross, meanwhile, is in the mid-\$200,000 range each week (depending on ticket pricing). "Rent" has been earning weekly profits since preview performances began in July and has \$400,000 in advance ticket

sales, Seller said.

The producers' business strategy — to reap profits off of a well-known brand in a less-costly market, like television reruns in syndication — is perhaps most evident in the advertising budget for the new "Rent." Seller said the budget is \$15,000 a week, compared with the budgets of \$50,000 to \$100,000 of many new Broadway musicals seeking to lure ticket buyers.

Even the typeface on posters and programs for this "Rent" remains the same as the original; to use a new design, Seller said, might suggest that this was an unrecognizable "Rent."

"When George Lucas puts out 3-D 'Star Wars,' he's not going to change the logo," Seller said. "And when we do 'Rent' off-Broadway, we're not going to change the logo."

Many of the creative changes that Greif did pursue are intended to create some artistic distance from the Broadway production, though some of those tweaks wink at the original too.

The more intimate theater and the cast of young, unknown actors — just as the original cast members, including Idina Menzel and Anthony Rapp, once were — add dashes of freshness to the production. □



A scene from the musical "Rent," at the New World Stage in New York. Three years after its Broadway run ended, the musical "Rent" is returning to New York, but this time its revival is coming Off Broadway at New World Stages.

(Sara Krulwich/The New York Times)

way that character's look was so familiar it inspired many Halloween costumes in New York.

Now, in the new off-Broadway revival of "Rent," Mark's stylings are a cap atop his curly mop of hair (it's still cold in the East Village) and a plaid shirt (referencing colors in his first overcoat).

Mark's makeover is about as radical as this "Rent" gets at reinvention, as the show's producers and director — who were also behind the Broadway production — are gambling that New York theatergoers want another "Rent" only three years after its Broadway run ended. Most theater artists usually let a good decade pass before reviving popular titles in New York, and when they do, they usually build the revival around a fresh concept, a star or some other artistic justification. Instead, this production's

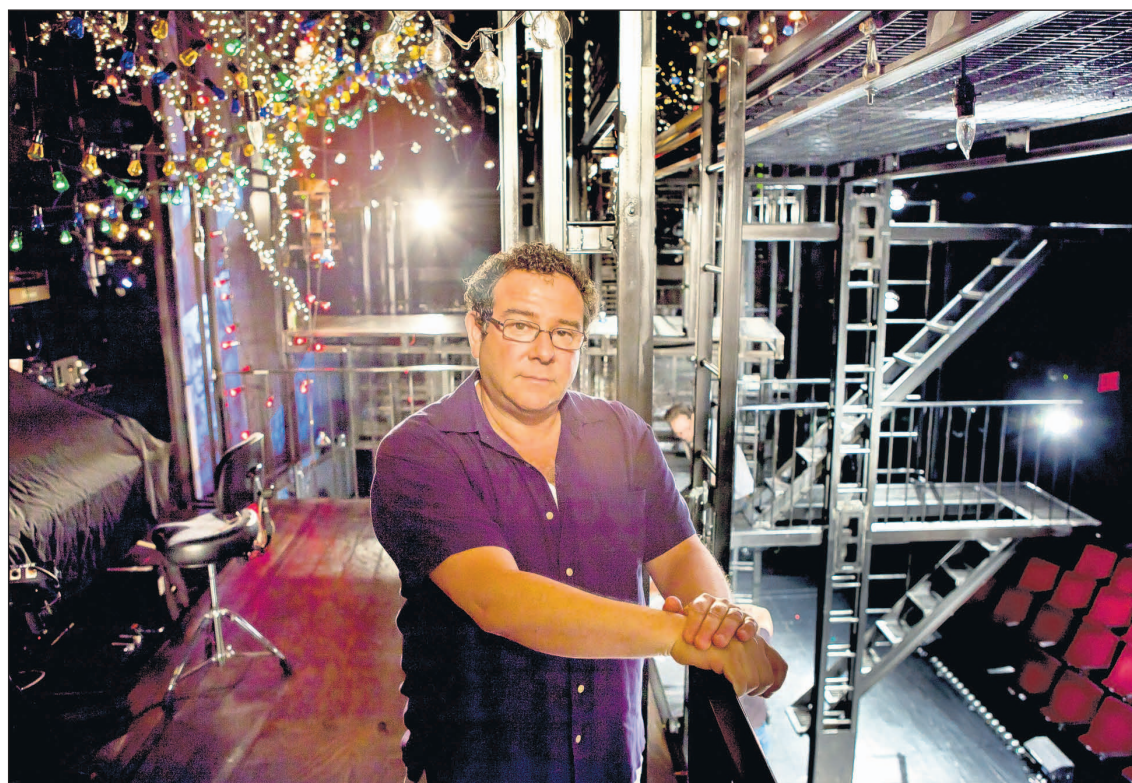
we have a director who needs to make a living, and we have actors who act to make a living," said Jeffrey Seller, a lead producer of the original 1996 production, which moved swiftly from New York Theater Workshop to Broadway, and the revival, which opens Thursday.

"There's integrity in that," Seller continued. "We're providing something of use to society, not just employment but a piece of art that I've heard over and over people say they wish they could see again in New York or take their kids to see."

Michael Greif, the director, said he signed up immediately for the revival without any desire to subvert or reinterpret the work beyond a fresh look at the sets, costumes, choreography and other physical elements.

"After 'Rent' closed, I'd quickly come to miss it," he said. "I just thought it should

sensation in the late 1990s. It won four Tony Awards, including best musical, and generated popular tours in the United States, Japan and South Korea. Europe-



Michael Greif, the director of the musical "Rent," at the New World Stages in New York.

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